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LOCAL CAMPAIGN GROUP WELCOMES ASSEMBLY SCHOOL TRANSPORT MOVE

by GEM REPORTERS

'STUART'S CAMPAIGN', the local group of parents working for safer pupil transport in the Vale, has welcomed the Welsh Assembly's new 'Safety of Learner Transport Measure'.

Mr David Cunningham Jones, who heads Stuart's Campaign, said he was delighted that the Assembly had managed to overcome legislative difficulties to be able to proceed with the new measure.

Mr Cunningham Jones, whose son Stuart, aged 12, was killed on a school bus near Ystradowen in 2002, told The GEM: "This is something we have been calling for for a number of years. We are delighted that action is being taken to put these things right."

He said that the Assembly needed to provide the funding necessary from its budget so that local authorities would be able to implement the proposed improvements.

"They must make the money available to councils throughout Wales to bring in these welcome changes. My worry is that because of the financial situation, there may be delays in providing the money needed which will delay these changes."

The organisation will be submitting its views to the Assembly during the consultation period on the proposals.

The measure was proposed this week by Ieuan Wyn Jones, the Deputy First Minister responsible for transport in Wales. It aims to improve the safety standards of buses and other vehicles used to provide school transport.

It will enable the Welsh Assembly Government to place a wide range of requirements on local authorities in relation to the safety standards of school buses, through a series of detailed regulations.

Local politicians also welcomed moves by the Assembly to improve safety on school buses – a burning issue in the Vale since 2002.

Jane Hutt, the Vale AM, said: "This new Welsh law addresses a long standing commitment to bring forward legislation on the safety standards of motor vehicles used to transport pupils and students to and from school (learner transport).

"This is a major step forward towards progressing the recommendations of Stuart's Campaign, in memory of Stuart Cunningham Jones, which I have fully supported.

"The campaign has been pivotal in achieving these new laws and engaging with the Assembly in trying to ensure that the safety of children as they travel to school is a top priority in Welsh public services."

Vale MP Alun Cairns said he was delighted the new measure was being introduced.

"I will give it my full support. Having called for action from the Welsh Assembly Government seven years ago, after the terrible accident in Ystradowen, it is great to see that things are finally moving in the right direction.

"This measure will lead to compulsory seatbelts on all school transport, and finally bring to an end the three-for-two seating arrangements. I will do all I can to make sure that the further regulations are achieved within the next Assembly term.

"As a parent myself, I believe it's crucial that local authorities require that drivers of vehicles used for school transport receive specific training, in relation to working with children, current seat belt legislation, and dealing with challenging behaviour.

"We all want our children to be safe and travel to and from school with confidence."

Mr Cairns warned that it was crucial the Assembly funds the cost of bringing in the changes.

He went on: "I am concerned that much of this legislation will be written in guidance form, rather than on the face of the law. When matters are written on the face of the law, there is an assumption of full funding from the Welsh Assembly Government."

Plaid Cymru's Vale Assembly candidate, Dr Ian Johnson said: "School transport is a very important issue for families throughout the Vale and I am glad that the Assembly is pushing forward regulations in this measure, which will ensure that every child has a seat-belt. Children's safety must be a priority.

"This will effectively end the 'three-for-two' concession, where three children were allowed to take up two actual seats, and stop standing on contracted school buses.

"Since becoming Transport Minister in 2007, Plaid Cymru leader Ieuan Wyn Jones has ensured the passage of the Learner Travel (Wales) Measure in 2008 and the introduction of the All Wales Travel Behaviour Code in 2009, which set out the standard of behaviour expected of all young people on their journey between their home and school, as well as introducing this measure."

He added that he hoped the measure would be on the statute book by the time of the Assembly elections next spring.

Young harpist enthrals the Mayor's guests

THE Mayor Coun Len Taylor and the Mayoress of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, held a successful coffee morning in the Mayor's parlour at Cowbridge Town Hall last Saturday, October 2, where visitors young and old were made welcome.

Talented harpist, Ioan Wardhaugh.

Museum experts were also on hand, providing local historical knowledge and tours of the old prison cells.

A spokeswoman reported:"There was a delicious selection of refreshments to enjoy, while the public were treated to a recital of wonderful harp music by Ioan Wardhaugh, a pupil at Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

"The Mayor and Mayoress have made 'Cowbridge Comprehensive 2010' their chosen charity and held the event to help the fund. The school does not yet own its own instrument and is currently renting a harp.

"Harp lessons are very popular among pupils and the music department would very much like to raise funds to purchase an instrument.

"Perhaps you have a harp at home that is not used and you could lend it to the school, or would like to make a donation to the Cowbridge School Harp Purchase Fund?

"If so, please telephone 01446 772311," she urged.

Festival reaches Welsh tourism finals

COWBRIDGE Food and Drink Festival was one of 400 applications for the 16 National Tourism Awards for Wales and has been included in the 53 organisations reaching the finals.

Visit Wales, in partnership with the Wales Tourism Alliance, is staging the National Tourism Awards to recognise the value of the tourism industry to Wales and to reward those who offer a high quality, warm Welsh welcome to visitors.

The ceremony will take place on Thursday, October 21, at the Vale Hotel, Golf & Spa Resort where several festival volunteers will be holding their breath in the 'Best Community Event' category.

Welsh Assembly Government Heritage Minister, Alun Ffred Jones, said: "Not only was the amount of entries staggering but the quality was quite overwhelming too.

"All the companies who entered the awards can be proud of the fine job they are doing to promote Welsh tourism."

A panel of independent judges whittled down the entries for the final round, where experts in each category reviewed and scored all those shortlisted to reach a final decision.

Chairman of the festival committee John Davies said: "We are really excited to reach the final round of this important competition. In this time of financial uncertainty, we hope that this accolade will make us more attractive to funders to keep this relatively new festival going for many years."

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Waste disposal meeting shows 'strength in adversity'

MORE than 100 people gathered together at St Tydfil's Church, Llysworney, on September 27, to voice their concerns regarding three separate planning applications for a variety of waste management facilities in the Llandow area.

It was impressive to see local residents joining together in their disquiet at the plans being put forward, which they regarded as a move towards the creation of a regional waste recycling centre in a wholly inappropriate location.

Those present agreed that the highways infrastructure will not be able to cope with the increased volume of heavy goods vehicles on the roads.

The immediate locality would be changed drastically and the environmental impact would be catastrophic.

The meeting was a prime example of a community showing strength in adversity.

Angela Jones-Evans, Welsh Conservative Assembly Candidate, Vale of Glamorgan

Young knight of the road!

I RECENTLY had a puncture on the five mile lane, and having waited two hours for a breakdown service, a young man came along an adjoining lane from Llancarfan or Moulton.

He asked if he could help and changed the wheel in less than 15 minutes.

I wish to thank him very much for his kindness.

It was a wonderful feeling to know that such caring people are still around.

Alice Coulter, Corntown

'Litter was blown off back of council vehicle'

FOLLOWING on from GJ Taylor's letter last week, I was travelling home to Cowbridge from Tesco at Culverhouse Cross on the A48 on September 24, at just after 11:30am.

Travelling in the other direction (towards Cardiff) was a Vale Council Ford transit type caged pick-up, moving quite fast, with waste paper blowing out of the back.

Surely this type of vehicle with that type of load should have had the cargo area secured with netting, to stop what would be classed as an insecure load?

The driver is lucky that it was only paper being distributed across the county, not something more substantial.

A large sheet of plastic blocking a following car's windscreen for instance, could have resulted in injury or loss of life.

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'COMMITTEE KEPT IN THE DARK'

Misled over 'investment' in the Metrix scheme?

IN quitting Labour, Coun Richard Bertin should have dropped its pretence that the £14 billion Metrix scheme is "investment" (The GEM, September 30).

Most of the PFI billions go to salaries, financing costs (bankers), profits and board-member bonuses – to Metrix's main partners Sodexo, Raytheon and Qinetiq.

Only £700 million of the Metrix scheme is real 'investment'. MoD spending on new service family housing and WAG/MoD spending on roads are separate burdens on public budgets – £700 million is not the biggest investment in Wales, being less for example than the £750 million St Davids 2 retail development in Cardiff.

In the planning application in April 2009, the claim of 5,000 jobs was replaced by 3,000, of which some are military personnel assigned to training and others are civilian transferees.

The public inquiry last January showed that subtracting the 1,200 military personnel (including 500 non-project staff) leaves a total of 1,800 civilian jobs, which include 1,200 managers, contractor personnel and trainer staff transferring to Metrix.

Hence the 3,000 jobs divide into 2,400 incomers and 600 for local people in cleaning, maintenance, transport and catering.

Council officers know these numbers. What's astonishing is they have kept planning committee members like Richard Bertin in the dark. If Richard had fallen for the hype when he voted to approve the St Athan project, he could not have given proper consideration to the critics' realistic alternative – to cut down the size to fit within the old RAF base and to create a direct access from the Llantwit–Wick road at West Camp.

Now Richard is an 'independent' councillor, let's see him listening to Gwyn John and other independent minds – and accepting he was misled.

Max Wallis, Barry and Vale Friends of the Earth.

'Why I have turned my back on my party'

I HAVE read with interest about Labour's decline in membership in south Wales, and as a former member who recently quit, I would like to comment on what I think is wrong with the party.

I am not at all surprised about the decline, because I think people in Wales have fallen out of love with the party because of the way it has gone.

Here are a few reminders: The Iraq War, replacement of Trident, ID cards, student top-up fees and the expenses scandal.

The Welsh Labour Party must realise that it is sinking faster than the Titanic and people are leaving the sinking ship because they have just had enough.

Membership is falling in its strongholds because, like me, the members do not like how the party is being run and how out of touch it really is with the people it was set up to serve.

The Labour Party are becoming a spent force in Wales.

They failed to address the gap between the rich and the poor, they failed to tackle youth unemployment and they are a party deeply divided by rifts and feuding through internal squabbles.

The reason I left the party was because I, too, felt the party was out of touch and that to impose a woman candidate for my local seat was totally wrong and unfair.

I have since turned to the Independents as a way forward, because they put people before politics.

For the first time in my life, I will not be voting Labour at the next election – nor, I am sure, will many others.

Richard Bertin, Barry (Independent councillor, Vale Council)

'MoD jobs are already taken!'

I SEE that some, including the military, have swallowed the long since discredited number of jobs predicted at the MoD St Athan College.

Most posts are already filled as transfers – not willingly, I understand.

As Max Wallis says – a point I too have made – those moving here will have partners and children wanting to work.

If the previous RAF camp is anything to go by, the first choice of jobs will go to those related to someone in the military. A large amount of the money due to be spent when the college is up and running relies on sales of cars, the first thing to go in a recession! How often do people on a course for a few months buy a new car?

This is supposed to be a training establishment with all provided – probably subsidised – so why leave the college site?

Any money made in this college will go straight back via contracts to the Ministry of Defence.

Vickey Way, Picketston

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL OCTOBER 14)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
07 Thur	06.28	10.2	16.47	10.62
08 Fri	07.11	10.52	19.30	10.78
09 Sat	07.54	10.61	20.14	10.66
10 Sun	08.35	10.45	20.56	10.29
11 Mon	09.16	10.07	21.37	9.71
12 Tues	09.57	9.51	22.17	9.01
13 Wed	10.38	8.85	22.59	8.26
14 Thur	11.26	8.19	23.52	7.58

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Friendship Club enjoy their 'away' trip in the Vale

FOR a change, the Cowbridge Friendship Club (under Age Cymru Good Neighbour Scheme) had an away afternoon and couldn't have chosen a better day, as the sun shone all afternoon (*well, when it counted the most!*)

We all got aboard the Vale community bus at Cowbridge, travelling along the A48 to Culverhouse Cross, and onto the Ely Link Road, where we went via Penarth.

Both Steep Holme and Flat Holme were clearly seen with the sun shining over them.

Then it was on to Cosmeston Lakes, where members were basking in the sunshine until they were joined by far too many swans – so it was a quick retreat into the local café.

Back on board the bus, there was a tour around Barry Island and back to Cowbridge.

As mentioned in previous dispatches, the Cowbridge Friendship Club meets on the last Thursday in the month at the Red Cross, Broad Shoard, Cowbridge at 2pm with speakers on various subjects.

We had one new member join us for our afternoon out, but if anyone else is interested, come along to one of our meetings, or ring 01656 668446 for further information.

Pat Smith (Leader)

TRACING THE RELICS OF A MILITARY PAST

BONT FAEN WI NEWS

AT the first meeting after the summer break, members reminisced about the social meeting in July and thanked Jean Lloyd for her welcome and hospitality.

Jean Lloyd was also thanked for arranging the mystery trip in August which, despite the weather, was a good day out, and members are looking forward to another 'mystery' next year.

We were pleased to see Novello Peters, president of Penllyn WI, who invited members to Penllyn's forthcoming evening with Owen Money in the Hi Tide, Porthcawl, on October 15.

Jan Riddell welcomed the speaker, Jon Berry of CADW, who gave an interesting talk on 20th century military archaeology in the Cowbridge area.

Jon described where pill boxes and gun emplacements could still be found locally.

South Wales was considered a likely area for German invasion via Ireland; perhaps it was just as well the Cowbridge mounted Home Guard was not called into action!

The social meeting on September 23 at the Carne Arms was well attended. Members enjoyed a light-hearted game of darts and lots of chat, followed by a meal.

On october 21, Kevin Thomas of Bryncethin Nursery, will give a talk and demonstration on winter hanging baskets. There will be plants for sale and new members and visitors will be welcomed.

DS

1ST COWBRIDGE SCOUTS AT COSMESTON LAKES.

The 1st Cowbridge Scouts have canoe taster session

TEN Scouts from Tiger Troop took part in a canoe taster session at Cosmeston Lakes on September 25.

In the morning, the Scout Hall was jam-packed for the annual fund raising jumble sale, which raised more than £800.

Nick the leader said: "Thank you to all the local people for supporting the Cubs and Scouts by coming to the jumble sale. The money raised goes towards these activities that enable the Scouts to have fun and develop important life skills along the way."

Meeting every Thursday night, the 1st Cowbridge Scouts aged 10–14 years old, take part in camping, archery, rope climbing and also local community activities.

New scouts welcome, contact Nick Exley on 01446 773264.

Jewellery stolen in St Nicholas burglary

POLICE are appealing for information after a house was burgled in Cowbridge Road, St Nicholas, on Saturday, September 25 and a "substantial amount of jewellery taken, much of it of sentimental value to the owners".

DS Rob Davidson of Barry CID said: "The house that was burgled is located in the middle of St Nicholas, on the busy A48 road. Someone passing by in a car may have seen something that seemed out of place on Saturday afternoon.

"We'd especially like more information about two men who we believe were seen walking up the drive of the house at around 1pm, the time we believe the burglary took place."

Anyone with information is asked to call Barry CID by dialling 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL

Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

Public meeting

A PUBLIC meeting will be held in the Treoes community hall on Monday, October 11 at 7pm to discuss the future of the hall.

Unless residents of Treoes are prepared to form a hall committee, there is a possibility the hall will close, which will prevent the local Brownie group and Young at Heart Club holding their weekly meetings.

I understand every household in the village has received notification by post of this meeting.

Planning applications

LAND a Ten Acres, close to The Maesydd Llangan; proposal: replacement tractor and implement shelter.

Tennis area

IT is hoped final arrangements will soon be in place at Treoes to progress the awaited allotment, so those interested in growing their own produce can begin work.

Book sale

THE book sale which took place in Llangan community hall was successful. I was surprised to see so many books by well-known authors at such a low price (three books for £1). I have enough reading matter to last for a month or two!

Halloween

ON October 28, a halloween children's party will take place and on October 30, a halloween fancy dress party will again be held in the hall.

Burglaries

THERE have been a number of burglaries in and around the villages of St Mary Hill, Llangan and Treoes during the past months.

If you see or hear anything unusual in your neighbourhood, please contact your local constabulary.

Star billing for the town's leisure centre!

THE new exercise suite at Cowbridge Leisure Centre is "perfect for working mothers" – that is the view of TV presenter Sarra Elgan.

Sarra Elgan works out at the leisure centre.

The new Easyline suite lets customers rotate through a circuit of 18 exercise stations and machines, giving them a total body workout in as little as half an hour.

Welsh sports presenter Sarra is a regular at the centre, fitting exercise in around her work commitments and young family – one-year-old son Ffredi and three-year-old daughter Soffia.

Sarra said: "I really enjoy keeping fit, and try hard to find time for exercise. I'm lucky to have a great family and husband that help out quite a lot with Ffredi and Soffia."

Sarra is married to former Scarlets, Ireland and British Lions rugby star, Simon Easterby, while her father, Elgan Rees, also had an illustrious career on the wing for Neath, Wales and the Lions. So it wouldn't be a surprise to see either of the children following a sporty path!

Sarra said: "Soffia loves being outdoors and running around, while Ffredi loves throwing a rugby ball.

"You can kind of tell from a young age that they will probably enjoy sports, but obviously we won't be putting any pressure on them at all.

"Like all parents, we just want them to be happy and healthy and do whatever they want to do."

• *Future question for the Easterby household: Will Ffredi and Soffia opt for Wales or Ireland should fame beckon?!*

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST BRIDES MAJOR

Your local correspondent is Patricia Bevan-Morgan (01656) 880418

THE Ladies Thursday Club spent an entertaining evening when a speaker came along to give a demonstration on the making of greeting cards and how to make little boxes for gifts.

THE Art Group will meet in the church hall on the second and third Fridays of the month at 1.30pm ° 3.30pm. *MAKE a date – the next local produce market will be held at the church hall, St Brides Major, on Saturday, October 16 at 10.30am – 12.30pm.*

WORK has been completed on the invalid ramp at All Saints Church, Southerndown; the rest of the work to be completed by Sunday, November 7, when a celebration will be held for All Saints Day, with the Cantorion Illtyd choir and soloist Clare Mathews.

ROSE of the Farmer's Arms (the pub on the pond), invites everyone to enjoy her birthday party fundraising event for Velindre on Friday, October 15 at 7pm. Entertainment by 'Ali' with a disco and band. Raffle and free buffet. Donations will be appreciated.

THE St Bride's Major Church in Wales Primary School has recently completed a Comenius Project and was linked with European schools in Spain, Sweden, Italy and the Czech Republic.

The successful project was completed at the end of the summer term.

Teachers from the partner countries will visit the school in November for a week of celebrations.

A SERVICE to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the building of the Ewenny Priory organ and the centenary of the death of William Sweetland, its builder, will be held at Ewenny Priory Church on October 21 at 7.30pm.

The preacher will be Father Mark Preece. Guest organist, Martin Colton, with the St Hilary Choir and Welsh College of Music and Drama, under conductor Chris Mowat.

Shed burglary appeal

POLICE are appealing for information following a shed burglary on the main road between Peterston Super Ely and St Fagans overnight on September 21-22.

Gardening and leisure items were taken, including a metallic charcoal grey Genesis 'Dual track' mountain bike and a metallic charcoal grey Gary Fisher 'Kaitai' bike.

A Golden Bear three wood claw driver, Titleist iron golf clubs, and a black and silver carry bag were also stolen, along with a chainsaw and hedge trimmer.

PCSO Matthew Smith said: "This burglary has resulted in a great loss to the owner. It appears that the cycles were pushed over the grass towards the road, so if anyone saw anything suspicious whilst in the area or passing through by car or on foot, please get in touch."

Anyone with information is asked to contact PCSO Smith on 07805 301421, or contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Bridge results

THE Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club's latest results are:

Monday, September 27 – 1st, Mike Best and David Birt 70.57 per cent; 2nd, Ray Smith and Gwynne Maddox 63.80; 3rd, John Henson and Geoff Tinkler 63.54; 4th, Teri Pollard and David Wright 59.38; 5th, Barrie Waite and Graham Norris 55.47; 6th, Luba Ashworth and Muriel Maslin 51.30.

The Cowbridge & District Bridge Club results for September 28 are: *1st, Sara Bartlett and Debbie Rosevear 69.05 per cent; 2nd, Ann Miller and Judy Springett 65.08; 3rd, Mary Thomas and John Ireson 60.71; 4th, Viv Roberts and Pauline McAllen 59.52; 5th. Margaret Bancroft and Brian Swain 58.33; 6th, Pam Higgs and Joyce Birmingham 55.95.*

BRIAN SWAIN

COMMUNITY NEWS

LLANBETHERY & LLANCARFAN

Your community correspondents are Sam & Patsie Smith on (01446) 751448

Coffee morning

THE coffee morning at the Fox and Hounds in aid of the Macmillan Cancer charity on Friday, September 24, raised over £1,200. Many thanks to all who supported the event.

Pakistan appeal

SOME 80 villagers and visitors found the temptation of chocolate cakes and crisp cucumber sandwiches too great to resist on Saturday, October 2.

The Llancarfan Book Club members parked their bookmarks that afternoon, and created a voluptuous 1950s afternoon teatime in aid of UNICEF's Pakistan flood appeal.

Not since the end of rationing did the village hall sport so many cardigans and pearls! A £560.75 is now on its way to the appeal.

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LAND COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDERS ROW RUMBLES ON...

Council hits out at the Assembly for 'keeping mum' on inquiry report

Report by JAYNE ISAAC

THE decision by Welsh Assembly Government ministers to 'keep mum' on the outcome of the public inquiry into the compulsory purchase orders on land needed for the Metrix development, has been condemned by the Llantwit Major Town Council.

The council opposed the CPOs on land "outside the wire" of the existing St Athan MoD camp.

They have objected to the plans for a new northern access road and also for 190 houses to be built on farmland near Llanmaes.

The council was represented at the inquiry by Coun Gwyn John, Coun Bob Gant and Coun Ann Matthews.

Coun Gant has drafted a letter to First Minister Carwyn Jones, expressing concern at the lack of information about the outcome of the public inquiry which took place in January and February this year.

He said that the local population was anxious about the "outside the wire" developments and needed to be reassured that they would not proceed unnecessarily.

ACTION GROUP

Llanmaes and St Athan Community Councils are also being urged to send similar letters by the joint action group that was set up to fight the plans.

Coun Gant asked the town council to support the sending of the letter.

He was supported by Coun Gwyn John, who said he was worried about the failure of WAG to publish the inspectors' report from the inquiry.

He pointed out that normally, the inspectors' report was published at the same time as ministers issue their decision.

Coun John stated that WAG received the report on March 26, and he has been told that the ministers in Cardiff will not make a decision on that report until the UK government has made its decision on the future of the Defence Technical College at St Athan.

Coun John said that people were suspicious that something underhand may be going on because of the non-publication of the inspectors' conclusions.

The report should be published, even if the Metrix scheme is not approved by the UK government.

"We should know the outcome of the inquiry regardless of whether the government gives it the go-ahead.

"The answer should be in the public domain."

Coun John said that the inspector was very thorough and held a site meeting to see the area for himself as a result of the evidence given.

"I feel very strongly that the outcome should have been announced as promised at the end of March. We should write to Carwyn Jones."

Coun Gant commented that outcome of the defence review was expected on October 21 and WAG would do nothing until then."

MORE DELAYS

Coun John Clifford reported that Vale MP Alun Cairns, AM Andrew RT Davies and the Vale Council were all chasing this decision.

Coun John felt that even after October 21, the outcome could drag on, because final decisions about training may not be made straight away.

It was agreed to send the letter to Carwyn Jones asking him to respond.

It wasn't just golfers who had to dodge the showers!

Last Friday, October 1, as the Ryder Cup was getting under way at the Celtic Manor, the staff of Cowbridge Tenovus were marking the historic event with a golfing display – and a heavy deluge!

Local charity shop's Ryder Cup connection

TENOVUS was nominated as the official charity of this year's Ryder Cup and the branch in Cowbridge's High Street created a special golfing display to mark the event

The shop's manager Sophie Penry-Ellis said: "We are delighted to be the official charity partner of the Ryder Cup. The funds raised through the partnership will allow us to continue our work supporting those who are affected by cancer, as well as extending our research into cancer treatments, cures and preventions.

"We are currently stocking official Ryder Cup merchandise that will make the perfect present for Christmas, so make sure you pop in to see us soon."

Claudia McVie, the chief executive of Tenovus added: "Since being nominated as the official charity partner of Ryder Cup Wales 2010 in 2004, we have raised £1 million, which has directly supported lifesaving work we do in the community.

"It has also helped us to develop innovative, patient-focused cancer services, such as our mobile cancer support unit."

Music Festival could become annual event

A WEEK-LONG music festival is being launched in Cowbridge from October 15-22 by friends Sam Edwards and Mary Elliott.

Last September, thanks to the community's support, they raised nearly £2,000 for Save the Children at a concert held in Holy Cross Church.

This year they decided to take things a step further and create a music festival. The inaugural event includes three evening concerts plus daytime music workshops in local primary schools and free performances for care homes in the area.

Run on a voluntary basis and part funded by Creative Rural Communities, the Vale Council"s Rural Regeneration initiative, the festival is expected to attract local music lovers, as well as those from outside the area.

Mary commented: "We are working to draw audiences from far and wide to visit Cowbridge and by making the festival an annual event we hope to establish the town as a musical centre in the years to come."

Sam, a music consultant, and Mary, a successful cellist who has performed all over the world, recently returned to the Vale to establish the first of what they hope will be an annual event for their home town.

Sam added: "With so many beautiful listed buildings and such a strong appreciation of music from residents, we've always felt that Cowbridge would be the perfect location to host a festival.

"Our aim is to bring world class performers and exciting new talent to a local stage and encourage community involvement on every level".

Cowbridge restaurants Il Portico, Trio Brasserie and The Market Place have teamed up with the festival to offer preview performances and special offers on pre-concert dinners for ticket holders.

A number of accommodation providers across the Vale will also be giving reduced rates to festival-goers.

Evening events begin on Saturday, October 16 with the critically-acclaimed Sarajevo-born pianist, Ivana Gavric, performing works by Rachmaninov, Schubert and Liszt, at

Holy Cross Church.

The Calvert-Turner harp and cello duo take centre stage on October 19 for *Le Grand Tango*, a Spanish and South American evening in the cosy surrounds of the Duke of Wellington.

Rounding off the week on October 22 – a gala concert in Holy Cross features performances by popular Welsh tenor Wynne Evans, BBC Young Musician finalist trumpeter Huw Morgan, pianist Jeff Howard and Mary Elliott herself.

Tickets are available online and from Xantippe or Principality on the High Street.

For further information visit www.cowbridgemusicfestival.co.uk, telephone 01446 771220; email: tickets@cowbridgemusicfestival.co.uk

VALE WOMAN WAS THROWN AGAINST WALL – court is told

Report by AJ SICLUNA

A St Athan woman suffering from osteoporosis had her hip broken when her partner flung her against a wall, Cardiff Crown Court has been told.

Robert Harrald (42) called her "a drama queen and a stupid bitch" said prosecutor David Thomas.

Unemployed Harrald, now living in Barry, was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment suspended for two years.

He pleaded guilty to inflicting grievous bodily harm on 57-year-old Yvonne Daws.

He was also made subject to a supervision order for 18 months, ordered to receive mental health treatment and was put on a 9pm-6am curfew for four months which involves electronic tagging.

In addition, he was directed to pay Ms Daws £1,000 compensation and made subject to a restraining order which prevents him contacting her.

Judge William Gaskell said: "This was a case of domestic violence and it was not an isolated incident. You threw this woman against a wall when you knew she had osteoporosis. Subsequently she had to inject herself to prevent thrombosis."

Mr Thomas said the couple had had a relationship for some years and were living in St Athan.

She found Harrald had mood swings and temper tantrums and was undergoing treatment for his drinking and stress.

On November 7, he attacked her after returning home drunk.

Ms Daws underwent surgery the following day and a screw was inserted into the hip.

The court was told that Harrald claimed to the police that he had acted in self defence and did not realise she had broken her hip.

The couple are no longer together, said Mr Thomas.

Owen Williams, defending, said: "He realises he can only live a proper lifestyle by addressing his alcohol abuse and depression.

"He accepts the injury was nasty and serious."

Beth shows superiority in charity marathon

A 20-year-old dental student from Bonvilston, Beth Edwards, was among 1,500 people who took to the streets of Cardiff to walk through the night and raise money for Cancer research.

Beth was the first lady to get back to the CIA, completing the marathon 26.3 miles in a fantastic time of 5hrs 30mins.

Her mum Sarah joked: "Saying tartar, Beth, in her wisdom, braced herself for the scale of the appointment and polished off the Ladies crown. She can be seen (*right*) with her plaque!"

Beth was educated at Howell's School, Atlantic College and Cardiff University Dental School.

BETH EDWARDS

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Illusionist Tom heads for bright lights of London

Tom will soon leave the Vale to develop his career in London.

by TIM CHAPMAN

ABERTHIN mind-reader and illusionist Tom DeVoe is heading to London to further his professional career.

Tom has returned from a 12-month world tour in which he honed his talents in countries as varied as India, New Zealand, Australia and the Cook Islands.

He told The GEM: "I'm hoping to get an agent in London and perform in the evenings.

"I aim to get a day time job to support myself and I already have one job interview lined up."

Tom left London to travel the world on August 13 last year – his 21st birthday – returning exactly 12 months later, his 22nd birthday.

The former Cowbridge Comprehensive pupil baffled people in Australia by correctly predicting a newspaper headline a week in advance – '*Dosed up on Donations*', hardly a predictable line!

In Singapore, Tom astonished a local journalist and photographer from 'The New Paper' with his mind-reading abilities, by correctly guessing which numbers they were thinking of, and confidently predicting which word they would pick out of President Obama's autobiography, *Dreams From My Father*. He correctly chose the word 'goat'.

He also made his mark in India, reading the minds of callers to Delhi's Fever104FM, a Virgin-owned radio station Tom doesn't claim special powers, admitting to using psychology, suggestion, and trickery!.

He explained: "There were lots of highlights, but among the most memorable were appearing on CNN and the India news channel which is beamed to 22 countries.

"One of the fascinating things about the 'Without Borders World Trip' was the way different cultures responded to my act.

"In Australia they were emphatic that it was trickery, while in the Asian countries like India they liked to regard it as a mystery.

"During the trip, I think I found my voice as a performer and developed as a person.

"One of my favourite countries was the Cook Islands, which was a real island paradise. It is surrounded by beautiful beaches, while the interior is a bit of a wilderness. While I was there, I performed in local bars."

Singapore provided one of the nicest surprises.

"I met my new girlfriend Samantha. She has arrived in this country to study 'maritime business' in Plymouth."

Local dance school celebrates success

THE Vale's Sally Parfitt School of Dance has announced that all the girls who entered the Royal Academy School of Dance Grade 1 and Grade 3 exams passed with merits and distinctions.

The girls have now started practising for the annual dance show, which takes place annually.

The dance school is based in Cowbridge on Mondays, and Llantwit Major on Wednesdays.

In the picture, right, are: Hayley Smith, Jasmyn Paine, Madi Davies, Cerys Wood and Charlotte Said.

Decision on third Cowbridge parade is to be made today

TWO of the three parades planned for Cowbridge in the next few weeks will definitely be going ahead, with a decision on the third – the fashion parade – being made today (October 7).

Miles Punter, the head of visible services at the Vale Council, confirmed that the Remembrance Day parade and the Reindeer Parade could be inked in people's diaries for November 14 and November 28.

"Both the Remembrance Day parade and the Reindeer Parade are set to go ahead. A decision will be made on the fashion parade this Thursday, after a meeting with the organisers and the police."

Cowbridge Fashion Week runs from October 21-23.

Plaid Cymru's Dr Ian Johnson has welcomed news that the Remembrance Day and Reindeer Parades would go ahead, but expressed concern about the long-term future of major events that rely on road closures.

He said: "It is great news that two of the parades are now certain of going ahead. However, there is clearly a concern about major events in future years and whether they can be held in the same way.

"One of the great charms of Cowbridge is the many events which draw the community together, both in the town and from wider afield.

"But with cuts being faced by the police and other organisations, the costs are more likely to be put upon local organisations, and more responsibility placed upon already hard-working volunteers who give up their time to ensure that community events like this take place."

Dr Johnson stressed: "Welsh communities have existed for hundreds of years upon the idea of participation in the community and we don't need to be reminded of the role that we all play in the 'big society'; but there is a need for professional support from the police and other authorities to make sure that events run smoothly and safely."

He added that permanent plans needed to be agreed so that events could go ahead each year without hindrance.

The do's and don'ts of arts and crafts!

ABOVE: Learning how during a demonstration.

LLANTWIT Major held an open evening last Friday, offering those who attended the chance to try out stamping, iris folding, beading, watercolour painting and 'Mod-Roc'.

Members of the group were present to demonstrate simple but effective techniques and allow those new to the craft or medium to try it out for themselves.

The Mod Roc demonstration received considerable attention, as it involved the use of wrapping small plaster of paris bandage around a wire frame to make figurines; which was ably demonstrated by Gwyneth Price.

The next event is to be held on November 5 when local artist, Patricia Mears, will take a demonstration workshop on collage making, drawing from her experiences working with textiles.

Visitors welcome at 7.30pm in the Llantonian Hall.

For further information contact the committee members on 01446 751026 / 794231 / 796080. **FB**

RIGHT: The two groups of Rotarians standing on rocks separated by 150 million years of geological history.

Rotary Club spans 150 million years in a few yards!

ROTARIANS and young friends of the Llantwit Major Rotary Club were recently guided on a fascinating walk along Ogmore cliffs, covering only 200 yards but millions of years of geological history!

Our guide was Dr James Mendelsson of Atlantic College, who explained that 300 million years ago, there was no Atlantic Ocean and the Ogmore region was close to the Equator, covered by a clear warm sea colonised by corals and shellfish.

Over eons of time, shell deposits formed on the sea floor to great depths to become carboniferous limestone.

As Ogmore moved north, the climate changed and the coral beaches were replaced by dry desert subjected to flash floods which washed down Triassic deposits from the dry hinterland.

The Atlantic Ocean began to form and the climate became milder. The land sank and the sea covering this area gave rise to new marine deposits constituting the Jurassic era.

Dr Mendelsson explained that it is rocks from this period that form most of the coast of the Vale of Glamorgan.

The photograph (above left) taken by Dr Mendelsson, shows upper and lower groups of the Rotary party standing respectively on carboniferous and Jurassic rocks and separated by 150 million years of geological history!

RICHARD VIDLER

PARK AND RIDE NEEDED FOR ISLAND

– say Friends of the Earth

BARRY and Vale Friends of the Earth say that introducing a 'park and ride' scheme would reduce traffic pressures at the Island on particularly busy days.

The group points out that the small roundabout on the cusp of the Island has become a bottleneck.

Keith Stockdale, of Barry and Vale Friends of the Earth, said: "The fact is that parking on Barry Island is now a problem and grid-lock has already been seen on the roundabout at the entrance to the Island several times this summer.

"Present proposals assume an enormous increase in traffic movements and there will be an increase in gridlock if no plans are laid.

"Like shopping in Cardiff, the Island is a huge attraction and requires 'Park and Ride' facilities.

"There is land available for this, at Barry town and Barry dock train stations, but a further out-of-town facility, with shuttle buses, would release traffic pressure and help towards making large areas of the sea front, traffic free."

Mr Stockdale also said improvements to the capacity and speed of public transport travelling to the Island were needed.

He insisted: "The western Waterfront development proposals, along with other proposals to improve the attractions of Barry Island and a major new road link to the Island, demand a full environmental impact assessment ."

APPEAL FROM TEXAS

AN appeal has been received from a man in Texas who is anxious to find lost family and friends in the area.

Brian, who lives in Beaumont, Texas, e-mailed The GEM to say that his mother was born in Wales and he had made a number of visits 'home', the last in 1983. He is anxious to get in touch with a family – brothers Wayne, Peter and Wesley Morgan, whose mother was Marlene Morgan .

If anyone knows the family, Brian can be contacted at condonstorage@yahoo.com ***(or telephone The GEM on 01446 774484).***

The children take centre stage at Mayoral civic service in Penarth

ABOVE: The Mayor and Mayoress of the Vale, Coun Colin Osborne and Mrs Ruby Osborne, are pictured at their civic service in All Saints Church, Penarth. The service was conducted by Rev Peter Cox and children from Llandough Primary School performed three songs.

Homeless young people enjoy the Big Event!

YOUNG people from Llamau, south Wales' charity for the homeless, were lucky enough to enjoy a sunny day for their annual Big Event, which gives the people involved in its projects the opportunity to get together for a fun day of activities.

Spokeswoman Deborah Holland reported: "The young people themselves organised games and competitions, while staff showed off their culinary skills on the barbecue, keeping everyone fed.

"Other activities included an African drumming workshop, and a sumo-wrestling competition which proved highly entertaining as service users and staff alike took turns to don sumo suits and wrestle each other to the ground."

17-year-old Aiden from Bridgend said: "It was really good to go somewhere different for the day. There was loads going on. I really enjoyed the penalty shoot out competition, and it was good to see a real band like *Flo Dem*."

Llamau's Operational Director, Sam Austin, said: "It is really important that our young people get opportunities like this to enjoy and express themselves creatively.

"Many of them struggle on a daily basis with the sheer effort of survival, and don't have the support networks to be able to have fun and do their own thing that more fortunate young people take for granted.

"We would like to say a big thanks to Urban Circle and Flo Dem for helping out today, and a special thank you to Dinas Powys Rugby Club, who open their facilities to us every year."

Macmillan says 'thank you'

I am writing to thank everyone who organised, baked for, or attended a Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

It was a great event, and once again the people of the Vale of Glamorgan got behind us whole-heartedly, helping us raise thousands of pounds to fund our services.

I am urging local people who couldn't take part in the event itself, to support our work by spending around £3 to buy a virtual coffee by texting SUGAR to 70123. Texts will cost £3 plus the standard network rate.

Those donations will really add up, so we're very hopeful loads of people will buy virtual coffees over the next few days.

Sue Pickin, Pencoed (Fundraising Manager, Macmillan Cancer Support)

AM hears yellow line concerns

ABOVE: Jane Hutt AM with Colcot Road resident Mr Moggridge.

LOCAL residents have met Vale AM Jane Hutt to discuss controversial plans for double yellow lines in Colcot Road, Barry.

Having been contacted by residents living nearby she wanted to hear their concerns about the scheme at 77-93 Colcot Road, leading up to the school and hospital crossing, prior to supporting objections to today's deadline (October 7).

"The crossing itself is impeding access and exit from the residents living alongside it on both sides of Colcot Road.

"Now further restrictions are being proposed, with double yellow lines along this stretch.

"I am taking this up with the Vale Council," the Vale AM promised.

It's rehearsal time!

AFTER a successful summer, it's back to rehearsal time at Dinas Powys Players for their next production, *Beyond a Joke* by Derek Benfield, a comedy first presented on a national tour in 1979, featuring Arthur Lowe of *Dad's Army* fame, and later by the Dinas Powys Players 22 years ago.

It sees four new members – Andrew Gibbons, Hilary Morgan, Mally Tamale-Sali and Martin Smith join long standing members Graham Russell, Sue Gibbons, Ann Croom and Derek Hooper on stage.

Beyond a Joke is directed by Phil Sage at the Parish Hall, Britway Road on November 11, 12, 13 at 7.30pm.

For tickets, telephone 029 2051 2868 or 2051 2945.

BARRIVALE CLUB NEWS

LATEST results from Barrivale, September 28:

1=, Eileen Hughes and Carol James 57.14 per cent; 1=, Celia Thomas and Huw Thomas 57.14; 3, Mike Close and Tim Barsby 56.77.

Helen Jordan and Maureen Charlton won the Nancy Malpas Trophy, and also the recently introduced handicap prize of £20, donated by the East Wales Bridge Association.

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Our young people and volunteers must be at the forefront of Government

THE presentations by young people at the Vale of Glamorgan Youth Forum impressed everyone who attended their AGM last week, including the Mayor and the Leader of the Vale Council.

The Youth Forum is moving forward with an open evening later this month for young people to get involved from across the Vale.

At the AGM, Jess Peters and Rhiannon Adams spoke about their involvement in Gibbonsdown Youth Forum; Conner Rollings and Megan Pudney reported from Penarth Youth Action; Alys Williamson and Gerraint Andrews spoke about the Drop in Centre Trust. George Scott and Caelum Davies from Barry Comprehensive School gave a presentation about their plans and proposals for a student parliament.

As I said at the end of the AGM, there is no doubt that we have young people who are taking a full and informed interest in their schools and communities, already learning about the value of citizenship and youth participation.

All of them are making a contribution and we have a responsibility to listen to their views and act on them, especially at this time of financial challenge for our public services. We also have to recognise the vital role played by our youth service, inspiring and encouraging young people to engage, to get involved and volunteer in a wide range of activities.

I am speaking about the importance of volunteering at the VCVS (Vale Centre for Voluntary Service) AGM this week as the voluntary (third) sector faces up to the prospects of constrained budgets.

As I have found out during my discussions with people who use our public services in Wales, there is a strong emphasis on the value of organisations that provide support to the most vulnerable people in our communities who don't always have the strongest voices.

This can include our children and young people. We have a responsibility to give them the best start in life.

Gibbonsdown Children's Centre provides this kind of high quality care using Welsh Assembly Government Flying Start funds to support their pre-school care.

I also recently visited the new Flying Start Centre in Gladstone Road, providing high quality childcare and support for parents in Barry.

This year, the Welsh Assembly Government provided £1,358,807 revenue funding to Flying Start services in the Vale of Glamorgan and £132,965 capital funds for buildings and equipment.

This is an 'invest to save' programme as we intervene early in a child's life, with parental involvement, providing extra health visiting, midwifery, free childcare, parenting classes and 'one to one' support.

This prepares the child for school and the benefits we have brought with the pioneering 'Foundation Phase' for 3–7 year olds and high ratios of adults to pupils in school, also funded by the Welsh Assembly.

These are the budgets that are so important to the lives of children and families in our communities. And the benefits are clear in the western Vale, with the Welsh Assembly Government providing £176,119 this year for the Integrated Children's Centre in Llantwit Major serving children and families in this part of my constituency.

Our publicly funded universal services in health and education are at the forefront of our priorities because we know that our investment can make such a difference and prevent further spending in the future.

The recent Vale of Glamorgan Healthy Schools Awards Ceremony demonstrates what can be achieved with all Vale schools playing their part to keep their pupils healthy and fit.

Guidance and accreditation helps to keep up the standards and the drive for progress but the children themselves are the real enthusiasts when they take charge of their healthy schools and Eco schools projects.

From guidance on use of healthy vending machines, to the provision of free nutritious breakfasts now provided in 22 Vale schools and funded by the Assembly Government, the drive to do our best for the health and well-being of our children is clear and we must maintain that investment if at all possible.

The links to healthy eating and learning are strong in so many ways – good for you, your body, your tastes and your learning - the links to the curriculum are clear – learning about food as a science and about growing food; the gardening that is taking place in all our schools is now leading to enjoyable and productive harvests.

The volunteering that has led to the development of the people's allotment in Gibbonsdown and Court at Pencoedtre Park is admirable, as I found when I met the local committee and helped to launch this pioneering project last Saturday.

The funding from the Communities First Trust fund, Keep Wales Tidy, Environment Wales and support from the Vale Council all helped make this possible.

The key message for those of us in government is that we have to help initiate and sustain this investment in our schools and communities – and we must not lose sight of this in these tough financial times.

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by Jane Hutt AM

(Assembly Minister for Business and Budget)

Roadworks report

Pontypridd Street - junction with Mount Pleasant, Barry – footway restriction.

Cowbridge Road, St Athan – temporary traffic control.

B4270 Llantwit Major Road, Nash Manor to Cowbridge – temporary traffic control.

B4268 Llysworney to Pentre Meurig – temporary traffic control.

Druids Green, Cowbridge – traffic management.

'Great to see local school pupils take healthy approach'

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, presented awards at a Vale Healthy Schools and Groundwork event at the Memorial Hall in Barry.

Afterwards, she commented: "It is great to meet so many pupils at an event like this who have engaged fully in the healthy schools programme funded by the Welsh Assembly Government.

"The Groundwork 'realising resources' project has given an added dimension to this important work linking health, well-being and the environment in Vale schools."

Andrew RT Davies AM
Welsh Conservative Assembly Member for South Wales Central

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Window display fee will give a boost to charity

THIS window at Park Independent Funeral Directors in Tynewydd Road, Barry, was designed by Colourful Coffins, a company that personalise and make bespoke coffins according to the wishes of bereaved families.

"This display was paid for by us, and the fee was to be given to a charity of our choice, Barry Dock RNLI," said Lyndsay Ellis, principal of Park Funerals.

"The display is to show members of our community what choice is available to give their loved one a personal send-off, and also to give their bereaved family a lasting memory. It shows a variety of cremated remains caskets depicting a garden theme.

"We, as independent funeral directors, are able to go that extra mile, offering a professional, and most importantly, a caring, personal, family service.

"We don't answer to head offices or senior managers, we answer only to you."

Vale's Miss Wales to fly flag in China

Courtenay Hamilton with the Vale AM.

MISS WALES, Courtenay Hamilton of St Donat's went to the Senedd recently to be presented with official flags of Wales to take to China for the Miss World contest.

Having competed in Wales to secure her place in the worldwide competition involving 103 countries, she has been raising her profile in recent weeks by raising funds for charity.

She was met by Vale AM and Finance Minister, Jane Hutt, who presented her with gifts and flags from Wales.

Ms Hutt commented: "Courtenay is a wonderful ambassador for Wales. As well as being a talented singer. She is committed to helping charities across the world and raising the profile of young people in Wales in this global competition.

"I hope she will win for Wales and the world!"

'SCATS FARM AND COUNTRY' RECRUITS ITS LOCAL TEAM!

AN enthusiastic new team from the local community has been recruited at the eagerly-anticipated SCATS Farm & Country, set to open its first store in Wales, on the Brackla Industrial Estate in Bridgend this month.

An official ribbon cutting ceremony will be led on Wednesday, October 20, by the Lord Mayor and Mayoress of Bridgend.

Work is running to schedule at the new Farm & Country store located in a prominent position, with easy access from Junction 36 of the M4.

The country lifestyle brand has recruited more than 25 full and part-time staff, including an experienced local store manager, Justin Lewis, to lead the team.

Justin, who will be responsible for the retail operation, has lived in the Vale all his life and previously worked for a local timber supplier who will now supply SCATS Farm and Country Bridgend, reinforcing SCATS' commitment to sourcing locally where ever possible.

'WELL ON COURSE'

Justin Lewis, said: "We are well on course for opening. The new store is currently being painted in the SCATS green colour and tarmac has been placed for the car park.

"Most of the interior has been completed, so we'll soon be merchandising the store.

"It's really exciting, and we can't wait to welcome customers and show them round their new store."

The large retail shop, located on a 3.2 acre site, will stock everything for the farmer and rural dweller including animal health and husbandry items, a Mole Valley Farmers Farm Service customer desk, pet and equine departments and a Welsh food and drink department.

Jo Lucas, said: "My family manages a local farm in Cowbridge, so I have worked in agriculture from an early age.

'A REAL BUZZ'

"I am proud to be part of this exciting opportunity, in an industry I have always been passionate about. There is a real buzz around the community.

"I can't go anywhere without being asked about the new store!"

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The store will offer a separate large animal feed store with a dedicated sales office where customers can make purchases and obtain specialist advice on all feed and yard products.

Dogs allowed back on Vale's beaches

FROM now until April 30, 2011 residents and visitors to the Vale can again walk their dogs on all beaches in the area.

This includes Southerndown, Llantwit Major, Cold Knap, Barry Island and Penarth beaches, where a bye-law exists to ban dogs from using them over popular summer bathing months.

A council spokeswoman said: "Wherever you walk your pet, please remember to be a responsible dog owner and 'scoop the poop'.

"Don't forget the council provides free blue coloured poop bags which are available to be collected from the Civic Offices, Barry, and the Alps in Wenvoe.

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"Tied dog fouling bags can be deposited in any Vale Council litter bin," she added.

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Pupils get a close up view of Sir's 'car crash' rescue

'TEACH them early – keep them safe' was the theme of this year's 'School Transport Safety Week' – and pupils from three Vale schools were invited to a road safety event at Cowbridge Fire Station.

School Transport Safety Week is organised by the charity BUSK (Belt Up School Kids), and junior school pupils at Y Bont Faen Primary and Ysgol Iolo Morganwg, and their elders from Llantwit Major Comprehensive were at the station.

Pupils were put through emergency procedures that would be necessary in the event of a crash and were given a tour of the fire station.

Also, one teacher, Mr Kevin Francis of the Llantwit Comprehensive School, was asked to volunteer to be the casualty in a car crash.

He sat in a car and the Fire Service gave a fantastic demonstration for pupils on how they rescue someone from a vehicle following a road traffic collision. This involved stabilising the car and the casualty, before cutting the roof off the car.

The pupils were given a running commentary about what was happening, what they were doing and why.

Mr Kevin Francis was very relieved to be out of the car and off the spinal board.

He said it was a very unpleasant and frightening experience that he would not forget in a hurry and that to go through this for real, with a person you love very much sitting next to you, who is hurt and in pain, must be very distressing.

The Fire and Rescue Service now rescue around nine times more people from road traffic collision than from fires, and they left the pupils in no doubt as to why they should always wear a safety belt if provided with one, and why they should not distract their driver, whether this a school bus driver or their parents.

"It is much easier to rescue the occupants of a vehicle if they have been wearing safety belts,' said Pat Harris, the director of BUSK UK,

"Sadly, the Fire and Rescue Service attend road traffic collisions where young people are injured, sometimes fatally because they have deliberately chosen not to belt up.

"Their support for our safety week is more than welcome and I am sure they will get a very important message across to the pupils that are taking part."

Coun Jeffery James, cabinet member for planning and transportation at the Vale Council, said: "The council takes its responsibilities for road and on-bus safety seriously, and the provision of training of this nature is essential to ensure that pupils of all ages understand and focus on this important issue.

"I am very pleased that we have been able to work alongside BUSK in delivering this training during National School Transport Safety week, and am confident that this, alongside our other initiatives and procedures, will make a real difference to pupil understanding and behaviour."

ABOVE: The roof is finally cut away.

ABOVE:
Volunteer casualty Mr Francis is assessed by a firefighter before being put in a neck brace. Before the cutting equipment starts work, he is covered with a protective sheet.

LEFT:
Mr Francis, after 20 minutes in the seat as a casualty, is almost ready to be lifted out onto a stretcher

SECOND PLACE IN THE LEAGUE FOR LLANTWIT SURF BOAT CREW TEAM

AFTER a long summer season of hotly-contested competitions, the Llantwit Major Surf SLSC Surf Boat rowers finished second at the final event in Bournemouth and a well deserved second overall in the League.

The UK Surf Boat Summer Series is contested at variety of locations from South Wales to Devon, Dorset and Cornwall.

The series is all about which crews can consistently produce performances in whatever conditions the British summer might throw at them.

The training over the winter at Cardiff Bay by the Llantwit boys paid dividends with some excellent performances against the powerful Cornish crews, including their first league win in the biggest surf of the year in the Cornish boys' own backyard of Watergate Bay.

The Llantwit surf boat crew has had a successful season.

In August, the club sent a team to the Netherlands to compete in the European Championships on the coast near Amsterdam.

The conditions were extremely testing with howling winds and large chop making racing very difficult.

The team came a respectable fourth place overall. Although disappointed not to have built on their fourth place last year, they were satisfied to have beaten off some strong competition from the Dutch and French crews.

Plans are in place to do better at next year's European Championships in France.

The squad over the season, all volunteer lifeguards at Llantwit beach, includes: *Mike Lord, Marc Scarborough, Gethin Edwards, Dewi Edwards, Josh Edwards, Matt Wright, James Edwards, James Edwards (jnr), Ben Thomas, Tom Lucas and Emyr Rees, not fogetting Roy Richards for jumping in when needed!*

The team would like to thank Atlantic College for allowing them to use their facilities at the sea front and Jim at Puravida Boardriders in Penarth for provding the jackets.

Training will start again in the Bay after Christmas should anyone be interesting in having a go, along with training to become a lifeguard. Check out the website: www.llantwitmajorslsc.org.uk for more details, or www.uksrl.co.uk for more information about surf rowing.

NATIONWIDE PROJECT FOR POLIO...

Crocus bulbs are planted to flower on Rotary Day!

LAST Saturday, nine Cowbridge Rotarians, five Cowbridge Interactors, one Rotarian wife and a student from Germany took part in a nationwide project planting 2,500 purple crocus bulbs in Poplar Park, Cowbridge.

The community police officer was also in attendance to keep a special eye on the proceedings.

Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) is working with The Eden Project and the International Flower Bulb Centre to plant purple crocus bulbs so they will be in flower for Rotary Day, February 23.

These purple flowers represent the colour of ink dabbed on a child's little finger to indicate they have been immunised against polio.

During the week surrounding February 23, there will be many activities taking place across Great Britain and Ireland to raise funds. **NB**

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D638.

- **£2,000:** 389735.
- **The rollover, which now stands at £2,000, was not won this week.**
- **£10:** 603762, 130953, 265155, 825271, 432263, 848766, 237099, 542367, 818590, 456337, 749144, 267594, 145003, 736539, 569217, 551600, 295268, 651551, 408125, 183037.
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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

NO RECYCLING CALENDAR!

ONCE again, the Vale Council's recycling calendar has gone missing!

We are all encouraged by the Vale Council to recycle our rubbish, however the existing calendar expired at the end of September.

The Vale's website states, don't worry a new one will be with householders in plenty of time.

Yet here we are in Ocotber with no calendar and no new dates!

The Vale Council actively encourage us to recycle; however, they are not so good at helping us with a timely issuing of the new calendar.

This same problem happened last year - so whose fault is it that we are again, a year on and in the same situation. Heaven forbid that the wrong type of recycling is put out on the wrong day.

As we all know that if this does happen the binmen will leave it to litter the streets for a week until the right day for collection!

Maybe the Vale cleansing department will be able to help sort out this mess, so that we do not litter the streets with the wrong recycling!

Paul Long,
Llantwit Major

TELLING TALES OF OLD!

Left to right back row: Alec Hawkins, Richard Calas, Phillip Edgar, Richard Johns. Middle row: Anne Elliott, Ennis Matthews, Dawn Lattanzio (Soderholm), Sue Heffernan (Clemett), Janet Hayward (present headteacher), Ann Spencer, Lynne Larkham (Brown), Alison Moya (Stillman). Seated: Mr and Mrs Glenn Morgan.

Island school reunion proves a big success

BARRY Island school rang to the sound of laughter on September 25, as former pupils got together to remember their school days.

Three of those ex-pupils, Alison Moya (Stillman) Ann Elliott and Lynne Larkham (Brown) have been planning the reunion for over a year.

Lynne said: "The present headteacher, Janet Hayward, offered the use of the school for the reunion and it was the perfect choice. We had such fun planning the reunion, though tracing ex-pupils was a challenge as many have moved away from the area."

So did the influence of being back at school have an effect on everyone? "Oh yes!" said Alison. "It was as if time melted away when we saw each other. In no time we were laughing and kidding around, sharing our memories of each other and other ex-pupils who were unable to attend, there was a fair bit of tale telling too!

"My favourite was a story told by Richard Calas. We were sitting at the desks in one of the classrooms remembering how we had inkwells set into the desks. Richard reminded us that Ennis Matthews used to have very long white/blond hair which she wore in a plait.

"Richard told us of a time when he was sitting behind Ennis and taking her plait, dipped it into the inkwell and then watched in horror as the stain spread onto the back of her white blouse and up her hair. Apparently Ennis' mother was not at all impressed!

"What I realise," said Alison, "is how we all, without exception, loved Barry Island school. We share some lovely memories such as Mr Roberts, one of the teachers, buying an ice-cream for every child at the school at the end of each summer term and how, when he retired, we sang "Will ye no come back again" with the words changed to be personalised to Mr Roberts.

"The school has changed so much since we were there – it is so colourful and, of course, hi-tech. No more blackboards. I was speaking with Janet Hayward and she was telling me of her vision of a new Barry Island 'Eco' school looking out to sea on part of the old Butlins site. It would serve as a centre of excellence as a coastal school, and would attract visitors from around the UK and Europe.

"This would leave the possibility of utilising the present school as a site for a museum of Barry Island. What a wonderful legacy that would be to the thousands of pupils who have passed through the school."

The highlight of the day for many of the pupils was the attendance of Mr Glenn Morgan and his wife. Ann Elliott said: "When Mr Morgan agreed to attend our reunion we were overwhelmed. He is now 89 years old and when he walked in to the school hall there were a few damp eyes!

"We remember Mr Morgan with so much fondness, and it really was the icing on the cake to have him join us. It was very emotional day for him too. We are so grateful to him for taking the time to join us."

So the 'class of 67' return to their normal lives struggling to understand how 50 years have passed since they first walked through the school door – and just to prove that 'grown ups' will always remain children at heart, take a look at the left of the group photograph, yes, that is Alec Hawkins making rabbit ears over Anne Elliot's head! **AM**

Elvis fans raise £1,000 for Macmillan charity

MACMILLAN Cancer Support encouraged hundreds of Porthcawl residents to take part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning this year to help it achieve its aim of raising tens of thousands of pounds in the area alone.

Students from Porthcawl Comprehensive joined the crowds at the 2010 Elvis Festival for a bucket collection in the town. The event this year coincided with the charity's World's Biggest Coffee Morning.

Debbie Jones, fundraising manager for Macmillan in Bridgend, said: "We are really grateful to Mr Peter Phillips and his team of organisers at the Elvis Festival for allowing us to collect at this event and of course to our army of volunteer collectors from our Bridgend committee and Porthcawl Comprehensive School.

"There was a fantastic atmosphere in the town all day, with lots of spontaneous performances going on along the seafront. A great day was had by all."

Peter Phillips, Elvis festival organiser said: "Once again, the festival has been delighted to support such a great cause. Elvis was very generous with charities and his Welsh fans are following suit."

Debbie added: "We were delighted that hundreds of people in the area signed up to be involved in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning this year. We sincerely thank each and every host and guest at the hundreds of events that were put on in our area.

" Every penny raised makes a difference to the lives of someone affected by cancer and their families, just £24 will pay for one hour of a Macmillan Nurse's time for someone affected by cancer.

"That hour could provide pain relief, give someone answers to questions they have, or just for a chat."

• *To register to host your own coffee morning, for more details on coffee mornings in your area or to find our more about holding your own fundraising event for Macmillan, telephone 01656 867 968.*

STEAM SHOW WAS A SUCCESS

PLAID Cymru regional AM Chris Franks and Vale assembly candidate Dr Ian Johnson recently welcomed the 'Steam and Vintage' show to Barry's Romilly Park.

Dr Johnson said: "If Barry is to stand on its own economically, we must take opportunities like this for events and festivals to generate money for our own business.

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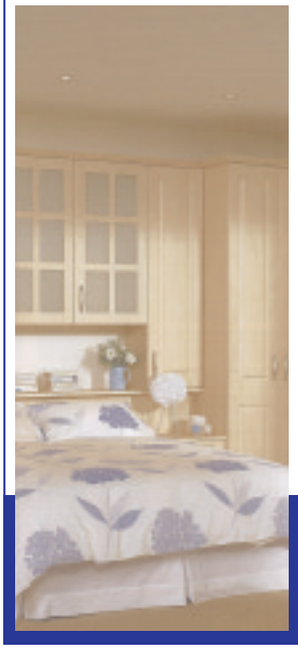

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Wick Horticultural Society's 42nd annual vegetable and flower show 'best for years!'

WICK Horticultural Society's 42nd annual open vegetable and flower show, held recently in Wick & Monknash Village Hall, was the best for many years.

Considering the poor weather we had during August, the standard of entries in all sections was very high and was complimented by the judges.

The imagination of the exhibitors in the flower arrangements was tested with a theme of 'Summer Sunset', but they rose to the occasion with wonderful displays.

The exhibits in the vegetable, fruit and flower classes were excellent and, once again, the local children worked hard and provided some imaginative displays.

The committee would like to thank all those who took part in the show, with a particular thank you to our judges, who had their work cut out to find winners in each section.

RESULTS

TROPHY WINNERS:

Best Exhibitor – Fruit, Tony Munt; Best Exhibitor – Vegetables, Mervyn Lines; Best Exhibitor – Flowers, Tony Munt; Best Exhibitor – Collection of Vegetables, Tony Munt; Best Exhibitor – Floral Arrangement, Louise Edwards; Best Exhibitor – Home Baking, Carol Brown; Best Show Exhibit, Tony Munt; Best Exhibitor – Children's Section, Llewelyn Brown.

Section 1 - Vegetables (own grown):

Five Potatoes - 1, D. Davies; 2, D. Davies; 3 M. Rhodes.

Heaviest Potato - 1, R.Hubbard; 2, D. Davies; 3, L. Thomas.

Three Beetroots - 1, R. Hubbard; 2 J. Williams; 3, R. Hubbard.

Three Carrots - 1, L. Thomas; 2, P. Williams.

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Three Onions (more than 8oz) - 1, R. Williams; 2, P. Williams.

Three Onions (less than 8oz) - T . Munt; 2, M B Lines; 3, I. Thomas

Heaviest Onion - 1, R. Williams; 2, L Thomas.

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Three Leeks - 1, R Williams; 2, D. Davies; 3, T. Munt.

Five Shallots (large) - 1, J Gibbon; 2, M B Lines; 3, M.B Lines.

Five Shallots (small) - 1, M B Lines; 2, M.B Lines; 3, D. Davies.

Three Parsnips - 1, D. Davies; 2 D. Davies.

Best Marrow - 1, M.B. Lines; 2, D. Ward-Thompson; 3, P. Williams.

Five Pods of Peas - L Thomas.

6 Runner Beans - 1, R. Williams; 2, J. Gibbon; 3, J. Gibbon.

Longest Runner Bean - 1, L. Thomas; 2, R. Williams; 3, R. Williams.

Single item of any other Vegetable - 1, R Hubbard; 2, P. Evans; 3, T Munt.

Five Tomatoes on Plate - 1, C. Pritchard; 2, R Ayres; 3, J Gibbon.

Truss of Cherry Type Tomatoes - M.B Lines.

Best Cucumber - 1, C. Pritchard; 2, T Munt; 3, R. Norris.

Two Lettuces - D Davies.

Mini Collection of Vegetables - 1, T. Munt; 2, R. Hubbard; 3, R Williams.

Collection of Salad Vegetables - T. Munt.

Fun Entry – Unusual shaped Fruit/Veg - R. Hubbard.

Section 2 – Fruit (Own Garden)

Five Apples – Cooking - 1, T. James; 2, C. Pritchard; 3, L. Thomas.

Dish of Soft Fruit - 1, R Hubbard; 2, L. Thomas; 3, D. Cooke.

Five Apples – Dessert - 1, M.Wallis; 2, C. Pritchard; 3, M.Wallis.

Any Other Fruit - 1, J. Elliott; 2, L Thomas.

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Section 3 – Flowers (Own Grown)

Bowl of Roses - T. Munt.

Three Gladioli - C. Forty.

Three Dahlias (Dec or Cactus) - 1, C. Pritchard; 2, C. Pritchard.

Three Pom-Pom or Ball Dahlias - 1, C. Pritchard; 2, C. Pritchard; 3, L. Edwards.

Vase of Mixed Flowers - 1, J. Gibb; 2, C. Pritchard; 3, C. Pritchard.

Vase of Sweet Peas - 1, P. Williams; 2, R. Ayres; 3, P. Williams.

Vase of any one Variety - 1, C. Pritchard; 2, L Richards; 3, T Munt.

Vase of 3 Chrysanthemums – incurved - 1, R. Ayres; 2, R. Ayres.

Vase of 3 Chrysanthemums – Spray - R. Ayres.

Pot Plant (Foliage) up to 5in dia pot - D. Stych.

Pot Plant (Foliage) over 5in dia pot - 1, E. Black-Gerrard; 2, R. Ayres; 3, R. Ayres.

Pot Plant (Flowering) up to 5in dia pot - 1, R. Clarke; 2, R Clarke; 3, C. Forty.

Pot Plant (Flowering) over 5in dia pot - 1, T Munt; 2, D Stych; 3, C. Little.

Fuchsia in 8in max dia pot - 1, C Pritchard; 2, C. Pritchard.

Six kinds of Culinary Herbs - 1, L. Edwards; 2, N. Bell; 3, P. Daniels.

Succulents/Cacti - 1, C. Brown; 2, C. Brown; 3, C. Brown.

Section 4 – Flower Arrangements

Floral Frontal Arrangement - 1, L Edwards; 2, L. Evans; 3, J. George.

Table Decoration 10in width max - 1, J. George; 2, L. Evans; 3, L Edwards.

Decorative Buttonhole - 1, M. Wallis; 2, M. Wallis; 3, A. Wallis.

Arrangement of Shades of Green Foliage - 1, L. Richards; 2, L. Evans; 3, D. Stych.

A Rose Head floating in a Glass of Water - 1, C. Brown; 2, T Munt; 3, L. Richards.

Exhibit entitled 'Summer Sunset" - 1, L Edwards; 2, L. Evans; 3, J. George.

Section 5 – Home Baking and Preserves

Carrot Cake - 1, M. Wallis; 2, L. Richards; 3, S. McGinn.

Five Welsh Cakes - 1, R. Williams; 2, R Williams; 3, A. Wallis.

Victoria Sandwich - 1, M. Wallis; 2, C. Brown; 3, L Edwards.

Home made Shortbread - 1, L Edwards; 2, A. Wallis; 3, J. Ball.

Five Plain White Scones - 1, L. Richards; 2, J. Elliott; 3, A. Wallis.

Five Muffins - 1, C. Brown; 2, B. Savidge; 3, M.J. Hawkes.

Apple Tart - 1, M. Wallis; 2, J. Elliott; 3, A. Wallis.

Savoury Flan or Quiche - 1, J. Ball; 2, A. Wallis; 3, B. Savidge.

Jar of Jam - 1, A. Wallis; 2, M.J. Hawkes; 3, J. Gwilliam.

Jar of Jelly - 1, J. Elliott; 2, L. Richards; 3, J. Gwilliam.

Jar of Marmalade - 1, B. Savidge; 2, S. MCGinn; 3, B. Savidge.

Jar of Savoury Preserve - 1, L. Richards; 2, A. Wallis; 3, L. Richards.

Children's Section

Floral decoration in Egg Cup - 1, Morwenna Brown; 2, Anneka Evans; 3, Kiara Evans.

Six Different Leaves (named) - 1, Sam Ball; 2, Anneka Evans; 3, Kiara Evans.

Miniature Garden in Seed Tray - 1, Sam Ball; 2, Morwenna Brown; 3, Ieuan Hawkes.

Animal Made from One or More - 1, Llewelyn Brown; 2, Morwenna Brown; 3, Anneka Evans.

Vegetables – Draw, Name and Colour Three - 1, Sam Ball; 2, Llewelyn Brown; 3, Kiara Evans.

Wild Flowers – Collage Entitled "World Cup" - Garin Evans.

Decorate a Flat Pebble - 1, Kiara Evans; 2, Sam Ball; 3, Morwenna Brown.

Decorate 3 Cup cakes - 1, Rhydan Brown; 2, Aisling Thomas; 3, Morwenna Brown.

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Family support centre officially opened by leader

Flying Start, a Welsh Assembly initiative provided locally by the Vale of Glamorgan Council which offers free childcare, support and advice for parents in the Gibbonsdown and Court area of Barry, has opened a new 'family centre' at Gladstone Road.

It was officially declared open by Council Leader, Coun Gordon Kemp.

He said: "Flying Start provides a valuable service for parents and children in the area and this excellent new centre will allow the team to develop on previous good work and provide even more support.

"I'm sure the children will love the fun new environment and that parents will find the new facilities of great benefit."

Antonia Bridges, Flying Start project manager, said: "This is very much a part of the Vale's poverty strategy, as research shows us that focus on early years is the most effective chance of long term success in transforming the life chances of children.

"We will also have basic skills and life coaching at the centre to encourage and develop parents to get back into employment, as this is the most sustainable route out of poverty."

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THE END OF AN ERA FOR PORTHCAWL'S 'SHEEP' ARTIST JOHN

PHOTOGRAPHS by KEITH E MORGAN

A SAD time for some, but happy for others because this is an end of an era. Local artist John Mason, who is at present showing his paintings at the Silures Art Gallery, South Road, Porthcawl, has finally finished painting sheep!

His exhibition which can be viewed at the Silures Gallery every weekend in October between 11am and 4.30 pm, is entitled *Ben, Dogs, Last Sheep and Chickens.*

Original illustrations from John's recently published book *Ben's Kingdom*, are also on sale as are his dog pictures. The latter paintings describe the adventures of his three real life dobermans.

This is an exhibition which is aimed at bringing a smile to visitors' faces and should not be missed.

ABOVE: John Mason with his father David, deciding on the best presentation for his paintings.

ABOVE:
This painting is entitled 'Celebration' in acknowledgement of the completion of John's 'sheep' painting period.

LEFT, BELOW LEFT and BELOW RIGHT: Sheep dress for Winter, Spring and Autumn.

AUDREY II WILL STRIKE FEAR INTO ST RICHARD GWYN SCHOOL

THE Little Shop of Horrors wends its way to St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School where the show is being performed with the help of a vicious, giant carnivorous plant called 'Audrey II'.

Audrey II persuades Seymour (Tomos Power, year-11) to feed it blood, including that of Mr Mushnik the flower shop owner (Patrick Jones, year-10), with the promise that Audrey II will bring him business, luxuries and everything he's ever wanted, including the love of his co-worker Audrey (Tizzie McGivern, year-11).

Audrey II will be performing with a whole school cast on October 20, 21, 22. Tickets are £6 for adults and £4 for children which are available from the school reception. Contact the school on 01446 729250, or email strichardgwyncs@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

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Launch of new family company - Oil 4 Wales

OIL 4 WALES, a family-run oil distribution company was launched on 1st September 2010 by Colin Owens, former founder of Owen Fuels.

Colin has returned to the oil industry after a year off, having previously resigned from Owen Fuels.

Oil 4 Wales supplies fuel and provides services for domestic households, agricultural holdings and commercial entities and has enjoyed a busy first month of trading.

They also offer a comprehensive boiler service.

The company prides itself on the level of service offered to its customers via its depots at Milford Haven, Carmarthen and Cardiff, and it is hoped by Colin and his family that the business will grow with the valued support of its customers.

Pictured above from left to right: Mr Andrew Lacey, Oil 4 Wales' engineering manager; Mr Shane Williams IRB world rugby player of the year, Mrs Janette Jones, the winning customer of Oil 4 Wales and Colin from Oil 4 Wales. Mrs Jones from Clydach, Swansea was the first customer of Oil 4 Wales to receive a boiler service, and a presentation of flowers was made by Shane Williams.

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PICTURED: Barry Air Cadets who recently completed their Duke of Edinburgh bronze award with a challenging expedition in the Brecon Beacons.

News from 372 (Barry) Squadron, Air Training Corps

Cadets complete Duke of Edinburgh awards

RECENTLY, Air Cadets Marcus Cocks and Geraint Franklin from 372 (Barry) Squadron; were awarded their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze awards after several months of hard work.

The Cadets undertook a variety of skills, service, physical and an expedition, shooting, aircraft recognition and cadet examinations.

The cadets did their community service by actively supporting the Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA) Annual Wings Appeal, Royal British Legion and Race for Life.

The physical section comprised exercises including swimming and athletics.

The greatest challenge that the group came across was the expedition section as they headed off to the Brecon Beacons.

The aim was to safely navigate 15 miles of the great outdoors over two days. They encountered various terrain; valleys, hills, forestry and marsh. They were safely supervised throughout, meeting adult staff at selected checkpoints along the route.

The group thoroughly enjoyed the freedom they were given, as well as taking responsibility on their shoulders. The success of the expedition was down to the preliminary training, that the group undertook.

Apart from the practice walks, the Cadets were taught about the country code, mountain safety, weather, first aid, teamwork, navigation and campcraft skills.

Geraint said: "The expedition was really hard, but definitely the best bit of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. I am really looking forward to the challenge of my Silver award."

The Air Training Corps is also the largest operating authority of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme in the United Kingdom. 372 (Barry) Squadron, actively participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and all Cadets are working towards bronze, silver and gold standards.

The Cadets can now look forward to a busy schedule of training, including: shooting, sport, adventurous training, flying and gliding activities.

372 Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 13–18 years old. The Squadron parades on Mondays and Wednesdays, 7–9.30pm behind Adams Funeral Parlour (by the Memorial Hall). Contact 01446 747734 or email oc.372@aircadets.org for more information.

JASON HORTON
Commanding Officer

Presentation time at Gwenfo school

"JOINING the Friday morning Assembly at Gwenfo Church in Wales School was a great pleasure and privilege," Jane Hutt AM said, on her visit to the school awards assembly, where she joined the head-teacher, Mrs Simpson, in handing out certificates for achievement and presented house captains with new badges.

She also visited the reception class to meet the new pupils for the school year.

Pictured are Jane Hutt AM, Mrs Simpson, with head boy, head girl and house captains.

St Cannas wins £142,000 Welsh Assembly grant

ST Cannas Church has been awarded £142,000 as one of 23 community projects in Wales that share £4.2 million funding under the Welsh Assembly Government's community facilities and activities programme (CFAP).

The cash will be used to repair the disused schoolroom, install new floors and ceilings, new electrics and a heating system. This will bring a derelict building into community use.

Social Justice and Local Government Minister, Carl Sargeant said: "The community facilities and activities programme continues to make a real, tangible difference to community and voluntary groups across Wales.

"CFAP funding has a beneficial impact upon the day to day lives of local people. The programme enables community and voluntary organisations to provide facilities and services that give local people the chance to get together and try new activities."

The battle for funding was led by Gareth Williams, supported by Liz Matthews and Dave Reed from the community, along with representatives from the PCC.

Gareth said: "The strength of this application stemmed from the enthusiastic support in the Llangan community, including Llangan school. We are grateful to all of them.

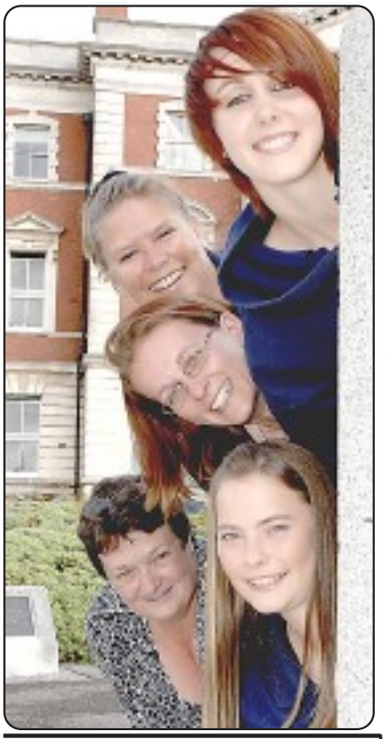
"We will share the detailed plans in due course and turn them into reality."

RHOOSE ART

RHOOSE art group is holding its annual exhibition and sale of paintings on Saturday, October 9 between 11am and 5pm at the community hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose.

The small group meets every Wednesday and Saturday afternoons at St Peter's church, Rhoose.

Playtime has a serious goal for Sian and Phillipa



LEFT: Sian Offen (top right) and Phillipa Morgan (bottom right) are pictured here with play development officer Joanne Jones, play development worker Katherine Cooper and Pippa Jones.

SIAN Offen (19) and Phillipa Morgan (20), have just completed six-months working with the Vale Council's play development team.

They joined a team of play workers who provide a fun-packed programme each year to keep youngsters entertained and inspired.

Announced by the last Government as part of the Budget in 2009, the Future Jobs Fund initiative creates opportunities for young people aged 18 to 24 who have been unemployed for nearly a year.

Sian and Phillipa undertook a number of training courses – including first aid, food hygiene, sign language, child protection and a playwork course.

The Future Jobs Fund initiative is overseen at the Vale Council by Pippa Jones, who said:

"This has been an excellent example of the benefits of the Future Jobs Fund as all parties have got the most out of the opportunities."

AUSSIE CRICKET VETERANS VISIT THEIR PM's HOME TOWN – BARRY!

WHEN John Hammer of the Australian 'Over-60s cricket team' contacted Jane Hutt AM'S office bringing greetings from the Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard, her staff arranged for them to meet Mr Basil Baker, who lives next door to the house on Queen Street where Ms Gillard spent her early years.

The Vale AM reported: "It was wonderful to meet the Australian over- 60's cricketers with Mr Baker in Queen Street, to welcome them to the place where their Prime Minister, Julia Gillard, spent her early years and later returned for a visit in her mid teens.

"We were presented with a t-shirt signed personally by Ms Gillard and I have asked the Mayor of Barry Town Council to formally present this to Mr Baker.

"He has had many visits from people across the world who are interested in Julia Gaillard's early years in Wales."

Custody visitors are praised by police

THREE local custody visitor volunteers were among 11 honoured by South Wales Police for long service to the scheme.

They were: Graham Ellis, of Barry (who has completed 19 years service); Marilyn Lloyd of Brackla, Bridgend (14 years' service); George Clatworthy of Kenfig Hill (13 years service).

Each of the 11 volunteers received a special certificate to mark their achievement from the chief executive of the South Wales Police authority, Alan Fry, and assistant Chief Constable Julian Kirby.

A police spokeswoman explained that independent custody visiting sees volunteer members of the public visit police custody units to check on the welfare of detainees and the conditions of the suite.

Alan Fry, said: "Our independent custody visitors are a dedicated group of people who ensure that the rights of people detained by the police are being met.

"Custody units are not the most pleasant places to visit,.

"The dedication of this group of volunteers to carry out their role for more than 12 years is outstanding," the chief executive added.

ABOVE: Some of those who were recognised for their long service.

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TWO award-winning authors were welcomed to Howell's School to celebrate Book Week.

This year, the school also welcomed visitors from the Bishop of Llandaff Church in Wales High School and Whitchurch High School to enjoy the talks.

Anne Fine OBE opened the Book Week celebrations with a talk on Monday, October 4.

Awarded Children's Laureate from 2001 to 2003 and twice winner of the Carnegie Medal, Britain's most coveted children's literature award, her books have been adapted for film and television.

In 1993, her novel, Madame Doubtfire, was adapted into the hit film Mrs Doubtfire starring Robin Williams.

On October 5, award-winning author Sophie McKenzie gave a talk on her books, which include the best selling Medusa Project series.

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Conductor, John S Davies is an honorary fellow of the Royal Welsh College of Music where, as a former student, he formed his first choir.

In 1970, he founded and directed the Fishguard International Music Festival until 2006.

The Singers are currently celebrating their 30th anniversary with performances at St David's Cathedral and at three festivals in Wales, accompanied by the Westward Chamber Orchestra.

The concert will include works by John Rutter, Brahms, William Mathias, Stanford and John Tavener. The soloist/accompanist will be Christopher Williams, accompanist at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales.

Tickets £10, available in the Village PO and the Community Council Office. For more information, contact Margaret James on 02920 513843.

John S Davies.

The Changing Scene Dance Company conquers St David's Hall!

Changing Scene at St David's Hall.

CHANGING Scene Dance Company, a local Barry dancing school, were asked by Stan Stennett to take part in his recent matinee spectacular show at St David's Hall, Cardiff.

The members performed alongside many well known professional artists including Johnny Tudor, Colin Price, Maria Lynn, Bill Bennett and Stan Stennett himself, who produced and directed the show.

Changing Scene Dance Company began with *Another Opening, Another Show,* and melodies later in the show included *Me and My Baby* and a spectacular tribute to the musical *Cats.*

Emma Lee Wagner, who choreographed Changing Scene Dance Company, also gave a tribute to the lyrics of Dorothy Squires.

Comments and tributes praising the dancing school following the show included "incredible costumes", "outstanding and professional behaviour", and "best dancing school to have appeared at St David's Hall!".

Stan Stennett said that he was "extremely pleased" with their outstanding performance and added: "They did us proud".

Emma Lee Wagner is to appear in Stan Stennett's panto, *Billy and Bonzo Meet Red Riding Hood,* at the Paget Rooms, Penarth in January 2011.

Changing Scene Dance Company are busy with rehearsals for their forthcoming pantomime, *Peter Pan,* which takes place at Barry Arts Centre from Wednesday, November 17 to Saturday, November 20. Further details on 02920 633217.

GAY FIFIELD

'Pigsy and Pops' step out for lifeboat funds

PAUL 'Pigsy' Brooks and his pet dog 'Pops', together with other Lifeboat supporters, recently walked from Porthcawl Lifeboat Station to Barry Dock Lifeboat Station to raise funds for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, in particular the Barry Dock Lifeboat and its fundraising team.

Many friends and supporters accompanied 'Pigsy' and this culminated with a further fundraising effort in the way of a barbecue at the Barry Yacht Club.

'Pigsy' was able to raise more than £2,000 and this included a cheque for £600 from the RAOB (Shamal Lodge No9948) in Saudi Arabia.

The chairman of the Barry Dock Lifeboat management committee, Stuart Macmillan, said that this was "an incredible result" and thanked all involved, especially Paul Brooks for his organising skills, communication and commitment.

GERRY ADAMS
(Barry Dock Lifeboat)

Welsh pride of David

BARRY'S Olympic swimmer, David Davies, described being chosen this week to carry the Welsh flag at the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Games in India as "a massive honour".

David (25) is taking part in his third Commonwealth Games and is due to compete in both the 1,500 metres freestyle and the 400 metres freestyle.

Cancer shop staff mark a £1m charity fundraising milestone

STAFF at the Cancer Research UK shop in Caroline Street, Bridgend are celebrating raising £1million for the charity since the opening.

Volunteers had a big 'thank you' lunch at the Brewery Fields, Bridgend, and those who had achieved milestones for their time and dedication were also presented with their badges.

Shop Manager Caroline Keech said: "We're thrilled to announce that we have raised this huge sum of money towards the charity's life-saving work.

"This would not have been possible without the support of the local community – our customers and those who donate our stock. Of course, the stars of the show are the team of volunteers who have worked so hard to make the shop a success. We simply couldn't have achieved this without them."

The Bridgend shop, which always has a good selection of quality goods for sale, has become a popular feature in the area. However, rather than resting on their laurels, the staff and volunteer team are now working towards their next milestone.

To reach this, they need all the help they can get from the community in the form of good quality donations.

Caroline added: "We're appealing for people to help us to take our fundraising to the next level by having a good sort out and bringing their unwanted items to the shop. Every donation counts towards our aim of beating cancer."

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ALL SAINTS PUPILS LEARN LESSON THAT FOOD CAN BE FUN (AND HEALTHY, TOO!)

THE reception and year-6 pupils at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School chose an exciting way to promote healthy eating during 'British Food Fortnight'.

The year-6 pupils were inspired by Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* to write their own versions of the adventures with a modern day twist, which they 'published' using computer technology.

The reception pupils prepared a feast of tasty, healthy snacks and baked wholemeal jam tarts. Then the children's adventure continued last Friday afternoon when the two classes came together for a Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

Everyone dressed as a character from *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and the year-6 pupils read their stories to groups of reception pupils.

Afterwards, they all enjoyed eating the healthy food during their tea party.

Their teachers, Mrs Sue Thomas and Mrs Linda Forrester, proclaimed the adventure a "huge success" and the children certainly agreed that healthy food is fun to prepare and great to share. NM

ABOVE: Wonderland costumes.

LEFT and ABOVE: Pupils savour the delights of their healthy snacks - and get a story read to them to boot!

TOP MARKS FOR RHWS FROM AM!

Jane Hutt AM with Miss Toshack, Mrs Lynn and pupils.

WHEN Vale Assembly Member and Finance Minister, Jane Hutt, paid a visit to Rhws Primary School, she congratulated pupils and staff on an excellent inspection report.

"This is an outstanding school, which serves the local community with distinction. It is always a great pleasure to visit Rhws.

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'Vintage Glamour' is Cowbridge Fashion week's theme for 2010

by JAYNE ISAAC

ONE of the highlights of the Cowbridge calendar takes place this month.

Fashion Week, October 21 to 23, is now firmly established as a major draw to the town attracting shoppers from a wide area.

It also gives the town's many fashion and accessory shops, a brilliant showcase to display their wares via a series of events and fashion shows.

Organisers Awen Evans of High Society and Esther Hitchcock of Jon Ian point to the fact that Cowbridge has more privately owned shops in a relatively compact area than Cardiff.

This means that someone needing a special outfit knows that there will be plenty of choice and is attracted to the town.

"We have shops catering for all age groups from the young to the more mature and also to suit every pocket," said Awen.

"Yes, there are shops selling designer labels but there are also shops selling smart clothes which are affordable for most people."

Esther said that Cowbridge was unique in organising this event which sees so many businesses working together.

She said: "It's tough out there and we are all keen to promote the town as this will benefit everyone."

Apart from the fashion shops, Fashion Week also sees other traders and bars and restaurants getting involved because there is spin-off business for them all as large numbers of shoppers head for the town.

The event has only been going for four years but has grown each year with new elements added.

This year, a new event is the Vintage Tea Party taking place at 3pm on Thursday October 21 at the Bear Hotel.

The theme of Fashion Week is 'Vintage Glamour' and many of the shops will be picking up that theme with their take on 'the fifties look' which is so popular at the moment.

The tea party includes champagne as well as traditional afternoon tea and there are still some tickets available at £19.50p each. A pianist will provide entertainment and models will circulate between the tables for people to get a close up look at the fashions on show.

All the shops taking part will be supplying the clothes for the fashion shows during the week and the models are a mix of professionals and volunteers provided by the shops.

The tea party will be the launch event of Fashion Week, and this will be followed at 6pm by a parade along the main street. Stilt walkers and models will strut their stuff – going from shop to shop. Mini fashion shows will take place on the pavements, depending on the weather, and each shop will have its own strip of red carpet to bring some extra glamour.

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Saturday fashion schedule for Cowbridge Town Hall

A series of fashion shows takes place on Saturday October 23 at Cowbridge Town Hall.

The shows are being put on by individual shops and tickets are available from them.

The time-table is as follows:

11am: Bridal show by High Society. Hair by Hair Business.

12pm: Fashions by Pebble and children's fashions by Scallywags. Children's shoes by Liquorice and Laces. Hair by Fich and Ramous.

1pm: Fashions by Woodcocks, L'Armoire, Ushi's and Jon Ian – ladies and men's.

2pm: Fashions by Eye Candy.

3pm: Fashions by Happy Days Vintage Collection. Hair by Marooned.

Robert Lloyd Opticians is supplying all the sunglasses to be worn by models at the fashion shows.

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The shops will stay open into the evening and a champagne trail will be created with shoppers moving from shop to shop enjoying a glass or two of bubbly and refreshments. They will also have a chance to buy the clothes on display.

A number of the shops are laying on entertainment with some booking singers or musicians.

"We aim to show people that Cowbridge is the Bond Street of Wales," added Awen.

"Our Vintage Glamour theme should evoke memories of Hollywood's golden years. I believe that some shops will have vintage clothes on display but mostly, we will be trying to recreate the look and feel of that era."

The town's hairdressers and beauty salons also play a big part in getting the models ready for the fashion shows, demonstrating their own skills in the process.

Esther said: "It's wonderful to see everyone joining in and working so hard. This is truly a joint effort and we have the full backing of the chamber of trade."

On Friday, the main event is a fashion lunch at the Bear Hotel which is already sold out. Organisers say that they could have sold these tickets several times over, such is the demand.

The lunch will include a fashion show with models circulating around the room.

On Saturday, a series of catwalk shows will be held upstairs in the Town Hall. Here, shops have been allocated slots to display their clothes and accessories. Each shop has tickets to distribute to its customers but non-ticket holders will be admitted provided there is room. The catwalk sessions are taking place from 11am to 4pm.

The hall will be decorated and there will be proper staging and lighting to give a very professional feel.

The final event is the black tie gala dinner on Saturday night, also taking place at The Bear, which is the major fund raiser of the week. Some tickets, priced at £50 are still available.

Fashion Week is self-funding and all the proceeds, after costs have been met, are donated to Ty Hafan.

The event also has close ties with Cowbridge Comprehensive School and many of the pupils help with the arrangements.

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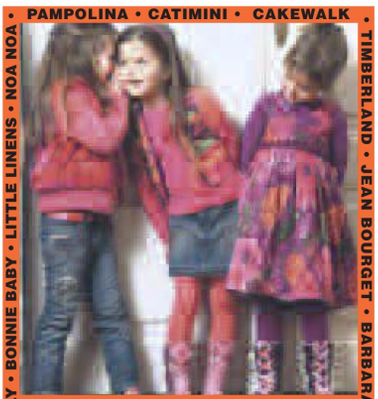

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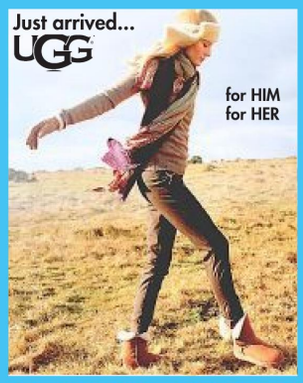

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'A more nerve-jangling film would be hard to find'

Reynolds stars as thriller leaves viewer 'Buried' in tension and suspense

SCREEN TALK

by GARETH JAMIESON

RYAN REYNOLDS has made steady progress up the Hollywood ladder since first hitting the big screen with *Van Wilder*.

The actor has dipped his toes in a number of genres with a variety of success; however, his role alongside Sandra Bullock in the box-office-consuming *The Proposal* last year may have been the tipping point for the actor. Next year, with his *X-Men* spin-off *Deadpool* in the development stages, Reynolds will become DC superhero *Green Lantern* in the film of the same name, but before he goes big-time, the actor puts his serious acting skills to the test in *Buried*.

Reynolds plays Paul Conroy, an Iraq-based US contractor who comes to in a coffin, discovering he has been buried alive. With only a mobile phone, lighter and diminishing air levels, can Conroy work out why he is in this situation and find his way out before it is too late...

Using a single character or single location as the main thrust of a film is something that can be used as a hugely effective storytelling device – look at *Castaway*, which spends two-thirds of its running time with Tom Hanks and a volleyball, or (and perhaps closer in kin to *Buried*) Alfred Hitchcock's *Lifeboat*, a whodunnit set within the limiting confines of the titular location.

In these cases, it takes great skill to create drama and, in the case of the latter, suspense, from such restrictive foundations.

This is obviously something that Rodrigo Cortes, director of *Buried*, thinks is worth a challenge, and it certainly pays off – *Buried* is a masterpiece in slow-burning tension and drama, managing to keep you enthralled from the start to the finish of what is, in essence, a man trapped in a box.

Despite the limiting set-up, Cortes brings a strong visual energy to the film, using basic techniques that work incredibly well. Most directors given this set-up would probably struggle to shoot a ten-minute film, but given Cortes has 95 minutes to work with, it is a remarkable feat by the Spanish director that he keeps the film so visually engaging.

Close-ups are the order of the day, as you would imagine, but by using only the light from the mobile phone or lighter, it creates a wonderful tension that sustains throughout.

Darkness is punctured by the click of a zippo or a telephone call, sudden moments that don't create jumps and scares but rather simply amp up the reality of the situation, and Cortes' camera is unflinching in its viscerality.

There is also a superb degree of scope, the camera moving in and around the box yet never attempting to be too adventurous and break the sense of space it painstakingly sets up – aside from one clever zoom out that is more to do with the scope of the situation Paul has found himself in than anything else, Cortes keeps you in the box at all times.

It is with films like this that elements that usually go unmentioned come to the forefront, and the work of the sound department here is one of those. For such a sparse production, the sound is the crucial component here, helping to convey the story when all on screen is darkness, and the creaking of the box, the clicking of the lighter and phone ringing are important elements of the overall work.

Of course, Cortes and the sound department's finest efforts would be for nothing if the actor in the box wasn't up to the task, but thankfully, in Ryan Reynolds, the right man was found for the job.

While he (presently) may be better known for his wit and charisma than any serious acting, Reynolds is absolutely mesmerising here. It takes a special kind of actor to be able to hold the screen for the length of a film, and Reynolds is more than able.

Conroy is put through the mill for whole film, and Reynolds conveys the panic, determination, sadness and anger that the character goes through with a superb performance.

The occasional hint of dark humour aside, this is Reynolds' most accomplished turn yet, and, while there is no accounting for taste-makers, deserves to be rewarded come awards season.

The script, by Chris Sparling, is equally as strong, cleverly taking a thriller and layering it with suspense and drama, the stakes raising as every minute passes. It also makes a detour into the nature of foreign policy and petty bureaucracy, those who Paul would rely on being a mob of suits whose goals are less his rescue and more covering their own backs, a timely reminder both of the dangers of Iraq and those who are out there.

The overriding skill of *Buried* is how such a simple set-up can be unwound into such a taut and thoroughly engaging film. This is a thriller in the most minimalist sense possible, and highlights how a sharp script, clever direction and a strong lead turn can make for a nerve shredding and nail-biting experience.

Quite whether this will start a new trend in cinema remains to be seen, as does how much more low-key a scenario you can actually conjure up, but any latecomers will be hard-pressed to deliver as economical, and nerve-jangling, a piece of cinema as *Buried*.

VERDICT: Astounding, breathtaking and utterly compelling – you could fill a review full of superlatives to describe just how good *Buried* is.

With its taut tension and masterful suspense keeping you hooked, it is the skilled direction of Rodrigo Cortes and Ryan Reynold's excellent performance that really pushes *Buried* towards greatness – a more nerve-jangling 95 minutes you would be pushed to find!

Essential viewing.

PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS NEWS

Walkers enjoy their trip to Bigsweir...

The walkers take a breather in the middle of their walk around Bigsweir.

SIX walkers joined Joy, Bracken and Nick on an overcast morning for the trip up to Bigsweir which straddles the border between Monmouth and Gloucestershire, where the cast iron bridge, built in 1827 at Merthyr Tydfil, was part of the new turnpike road.

This was constructed between Chepstow and Monmouth to connect the Welsh and English sides of the border and the abandoned and ruined tollhouse sits on the Welsh side.

Upon their arrival at Slip Wood, the wind was a little cool but as they began their journey along Offa's Dyke Path through beautiful old woodland at Wyeseal Wood, they soon warmed up.

King Offa was the Saxon King of Mercia who called himself King of all England – and the first to mint a national coin, the gold Dinar. But he is best known for the construction of the long distance earthwork in 785AD that roughly follows the Welsh/English border, constructed to keep out the marauding Welsh with an eight metre high ditch on the Welsh side!

Emerging from the woods, open fields led them to the Coxbury and Wyegate Lane and crossing this they followed pretty paths with high fences through Highbury Wood, which is a national nature reserve.

The group stopped in a meadow overlooking the old railway bridge across the Wye for morning coffee before descending to Redbrook.

Redbrook, which changed its name from Brocote, has a great industrial past as it was an important copper smelting area and a furnace there used coke for smelting iron ore, from the Forest of Dean, as early as 1716 – one of the first in the world to do so.

Climbing steeply by road and track, the group entered the aptly named Forge Wood ascending to join a road that led them up Savage Hill to the village of Newland that dates back to the time of Edward I. The massive 13th century All Saints Church dominates the centre of the village and is called the 'Cathedral of the Forest'.

Descending through fields to a lane they passed tasteful renovated stone farm outbuildings near Wyegate Hill before following an old bridleway down to Quicken Tree Wood, where narrow woodland paths covered with fallen leaves led them back to their start point.

JOY STRANGWARD

Local store helps charity

THE Place For Homes family-run furniture store in the Vale teamed up with Tempur, producers of world-renowned Tempur pressure relieving mattresses, for Breast Cancer Awareness week.

Rhian Francis, company secretary at The Place for Homes, told The GEM that following her mum's recent battle against breast cancer, she decided to run the Cardiff half marathon in order to raise awareness and funds.

Following a request for sponsorship from the suppliers of The Place For Homes, Tempur stepped up to the challenge by supplying a 4ft 6inch Tempur mattress (RRP £1,665) to be auctioned to raise money for the cause.

"We have decided to hold an auction in the form of sealed bids, asking interested parties to send a sealed envelope with their bid to The Place for Homes, Unit 1, Retail Area, Sutton Rd, Llandow CF71 7PA, with the winner to be revealed in store on Thursday, October 14," said Rhian.

Anybody wishing to sponsor Rhian should either contact The Place For Homes Ltd on 01446 772927 or visit: www.justgiving.com/rhianfrancis

Dad Dennis and daughter Jo out to boost dementia care

A LOCAL dad and his daughter will be taking part in events to raise funds for the Crossroads Care dementia charity – to raise awareness of dementia and its impact on those who suffer from the disease, and their carers.

Dennis Dutch from Dinas Powys is hosting a Musical Extravaganza on Thursday, October 21, between 6.30pm and 8.30pm at Dinas Powys Methodist Church.

Entertainment will be provided by the Dinas Powys Ecumenical Seven.

There will be a grand raffle, information and trade stalls and refreshments. Tickets cost just £3 (£2.50 concessions), with all funds going to Crossroads Care in the Vale (EMI) Ltd.

"I am holding this event in support of my daughter Jo Hendry and her fundraising for Crossroads Care," explained Dennis.

"Crossroads provides invaluable support for people with dementia. It will be an entertaining evening and I am hoping that people will support us generously.

"Many sponsors have already been extremely generous in donating some top class prizes for the raffle."

Dennis's daughter, Jo Hendry, a counsellor with Crossroads Care in the Vale, will be taking part in the Snowdonia Marathon on Saturday, October 30.

The race is a gruelling 26.2 mile course around the base of Snowdon. By completing the marathon, Jo hopes to raise further funds to help the carers and clients of the charity.

She is no stranger to such endeavours, having completed a marathon across the Vale in 2007, and a 230-mile cycle ride from north to south Wales last year.

Jo said: "This challenge will be the toughest one I have faced so far. The marathon course is mountainous, with some off-road sections.

"The weather in Snowdonia is often unpredictable and there will be much less support along the route than in other more popular marathons."

Crossroads Care is a Penarth-based charity that provides assistance to older people with dementia and depression throughout the Vale. It also gives much-needed emotional support to the family carers of those with memory problems.

To buy tickets and/or raffle tickets for the Musical Extravaganza, telephone Jo Hendry at the Crossroads Care offices on (029) 2070 0057 (option 3) or Amanda Rosoman on (029) 2022 7586.

To sponsor Jo for the Snowdonia Marathon, telephone the Crossroads Care offices or donate online at www.justgiving.com/johendry.

For more information, visit website www.fundraisingevent.co.uk

All Pump's date at Carmarthen Dairy show...

IT'S all go at 'All Pump Services' as Eleri Lloyd and Haydn prepare for a busy few days ahead.

They are off to the Welsh Dairy Show being held in Carmarthen from Tuesday, October 19.

Why not go along and enjoy the day? The action all takes place in the United Counties showground, Carmarthen.

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Out and About with The GEM

WHAT'S ON AND WHERE IN THE AREA

Art society workshops

COWBRIDGE Art Society meets on Saturday, October 9 from 10am to 4pm in Llanblethian Church Hall, Bridge Road, Llanblethian, for a miniature workshop led by Pat Webb.

There are one or two places available. Enquiries to 01446 772287 or 775735.

On Thursday, October 14 at 7pm in the Old Hall, High Street, there will be a practical evening 'changing the mood in colour,' led by Jane Gagg.

Non-members are welcome to both events.

Dish out Dosh

DISH out Dosh is a youth panel aiming to give young people in the Vale between the ages of 14–25 the opportunity to start up a youth-based project which has a community benefit.

If you have an idea but lack the dosh, call Vale Volunteer Bureau on 01446 421782; or go to the VVB facebook page www.vvb.org.uk.

Alternatively, pop into the VVB and ask to talk to an advisor at 34 Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4HD.

Vale MPs' surgeries

VALE MP Alun Cairns will be holding surgeries for advice and assistance on Friday, October 8 at the following locations: 1.30pm – 3pm at Wenvoe Community Hall, Wenvoe, CF5 6AL; 4pm – 5.30pm at Tesco, Stirling Road, Barry.

Anyone in the Vale is welcome to attend, but surgeries are very busy, and it is advisable to call 01446 403814 to make an appointment.

Street surgery

LABOUR councillors for the Gibbonsdown ward of Barry, Rob Curtis and Margaret Wilkinson, will be holding a street surgery in the Winston Road, Milton Road and Shelley Crescent areas this Saturday, October 9 between 4pm and 5pm.

Council surgery

LABOUR Vale and town councillors for Buttrills ward, Stuart Egan, Margaret Alexander and Pam Drake will be holding a monthly advice surgery on Saturday, October 9 from 10am to 11.30am in the Town Council offices, Gladstone Road, Barry. No appointment necessary.

Tax help for older people surgery

A*N income tax surgery for older people will be held at Pencoed Library on Wednesday, October 13.*

Free help and advice will be available to those with income tax problems.

For appointments, please telephone 0845 6013321.

Nearly new sale

A NEARLY new sale will be held on October 23 at Bryn Sion Hall, Court Road, Barry, from 1pm – 4pm.

Prices start from 20p and sale tables/rails include new and nearly new clothing, DVDs, videos, tombola and childrens lucky dip also available.

All proceeds will go to Barry and Disrict MENCAP. Everyone welcome; free admission.

For further information, contact Louise on 07815 495994 or MENCAP, Barry.

Chrysanths show

THIS year marks the 86th annual show of the Barry and District Chrysanthemum Society at the Salem Baptist Church Hall in Beryl Road, at 1.30pm on November 3.

Exhibitors can bring their exhibits on November 2 between 5.30pm to 8pm; or on the day from 8.30am to 9.30am.

Judging will commence at 10.30am.

Contact K Williams at 27 Regent Street for an entry form or telephone 01446 741733.

Gala cabaret

THE Craig and Penllyn Residents Association will hold a gala cabaret evening at Penllyn Village Hall at 7.30pm on November 6 with internationally renowned artist Maria Lyn.

Tickets £17.50 to include gourmet buffet, available from Barbara Whitehouse, on 01446 774184 and Liz Fidler on 01446 774485.

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Close encounters of (the Welsh kind) in the Vale

UFO sightings in Barry and the Vale area form part of the inspiration for 'Waliens', a new novel by two former journalists.

Darren Bowker-Powis and Richard Finlan have collaborated on a tongue-in-cheek mix of UFOs, Celtic mythology, intrigue, conspiracy, and missing sheep.

Set in a fictional south Wales town, Waliens centres around a local newspaper reporter who is skeptical about the sightings being reported locally and around, but soon finds himself embroiled in the mystery.

Darren Bowker-Powis said: "Richard and I decided to write it jointly and drew on well documented Welsh UFO cases such as The Dyfed Triangle and The Berwyn Mountains incident, as well as some closer to home in the Barry and Vale area."

Richard added: "It was great fun to write and we ended up with enough ideas for two more books."

For more information, please go to www.daric-books.com.

Artists' show is praised

"IT was great to see the VOGA exhibition in the old Refectory at Dyffryn Gardens, making use of this splendid venue for an exhibition of their work as part of the restoration of Dyffryn Gardens," Vale AM Jane Hutt reported.

"With the exhibition closing on October 10, there is still time to view their work – paintings, ceramics and sculpture," she urged.

YMCA SHOWCASE

ON October 16 from 10.30am to 3pm, 'It's your YMCA', a showcase of activities in the YMCA Hub, John Street, Porthcawl.

YMCA junior and senior youth clubs, after school and holiday clubs, pottery and art, see the building proposals.

Also present are organisations that meet in the YMCA; Chamber of Trade, Churches Together, Moncards Craft, Porthcawl Leos, Want 2 Work, Royal British Legion Porthcawl, Breast Feed Support, Porthcawl Museum. Coffee, tea and snacks, bric-a-brac, book stall, cakes, plants and Leo the Lion's tombola. *Free entry.*

Local PACT meetings

CASTLELAND PACT, Atlantic Café, Bendricks roundabout on October 11 at 7pm.

DYFAN PACT, Old College Inn public house on October 14 between 12noon and 2pm.

BUTTRILLS PACT, Philip John Community Room, Barry Library, on October 21 at 6.30pm.

PENDOYLAN Community Council meeting, on October 14 at 7.45pm.

LLANDOW PACT public meeting, Ewenny Village Hall, on October 20 at 7pm.

ST AUGUSTINE'S PACT, Windsor public house on October 13 at 7pm.

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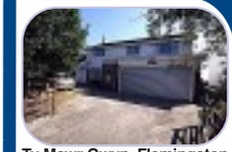
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Mr Mike Gibbon – **land at Church Farm, Llandow** – retrospective application for a private manege.
Mr David Wilson – **4 Windmill Close, Llantwit Major** – raising of lower flat roof to upper flat roof level (amendment to planning approval 2009/01270/FUL).
Lloyds Pharmacy Limited – **29-31 Court Road, Barry** – construction of two extensions to the existing property. One extension on the side of the property and one to the rear of the property.
Mr and Mrs Phillips – **21 Robinswood Close, Penarth** – loft extension including alterations to front and rear dormer, balcony, porch and extension at rear.
Sir Brooke Boothby – **Fonmon Castle, Fonmon** – proposed work will involve emergency repair to the building's fabric. This includes timber truss and beam repairs, repair and replacement of stone casement windows, replacement of timber lintels, localised consolidation of loose sections of masonry and repair of the south elevation stonework and rainwater goods.
Mr Stephen Hurst – **4 St Teilo Avenue, Barry** – amendments to application 2009/01046/FUL for new semi-detached house - retrospective works: Addition of one new window and omission of two windows.
Miss Susan Gwilliam – **Meadowcroft, Port Road, Rhoose** – erection of two single storey timber buildings for use as a boarding cattery (including change of use).
Mrs Gerda Benjuya – **21 Cardigan Close, Dinas Powys** – retain the fence as built-on site.
Mr Owen Tilsley – **Pikel House, Cowbridge Road, St Nicholas** – two storey extension and single storey swimming pool building.
Mr AJ Woodhouse – **Elm House, Groesfaen Road, Peterston Super Ely** – extension of residential curtilage to form garden area.
Mrs Kath Bevan – **1 St Mary's Avenue, Barry** – single storey lean-to extension to rear of property.
Mr Tom Andrews – **26 Marine Drive, Ogmore by Sea** – proposed conversion of existing integral garage to playroom, guest bedroom and en-suite.
Mr Ralph Evans – **Unit 02, Seaview, St Athan** – proposed retention of barn converted to dwelling.
Mr Huw Thomas – **Ty Verlon Industrial Estate, Barry** – proposed 40 space overflow car park adjacent to existing facility.
Mr Andrew Thomas – **10 Plas Gwernen, Barry** – proposed two storey extension to side to form bedroom with en-suite and dining room.
Mr Brian Turton – **14 Elworthy Close, Sully** – single storey extension and chimney.
Mr Ian Hunt – **Boverton Road, Llantwit Major** – two storey café with external seating at ground floor level and a terrace at first floor.
Mr C Regan – **Windy Ridge Farm, south-west of Television Transmitting Station, Wenvoe** – detached stables for private use.
Airwave Solutions Limited – **Barry Island Gym, Paget Road, Barry** – installation of two, four stack dipole antennas on freestanding grillage and ancillary development with the equipment located within an internal equipment room at ground level.
Celtic Wool Insulation Ltd – **First floor, 70 Eastgate, Cowbridge** – change of use of first floor from residential to office use.
Mr Derek Richardson – **31 Albert Road, Penarth** – alterations to ground floor shop unit, extensions and flat at first floor.
Housing, Vale of Glamorgan Council **– 4 Barons Close, Llantwit Major** – change of use from Local Housing Scheme Rent Office back to original dwelling.
Mr Paul Richards – **38 Wimbourne Close, Llantwit Major** – proposed two storey extension.
Mansion Park Properties Ltd and Waterstone Homes Ltd – **former Westra Quarry site, St Andrews Road, Dinas Powys** – erection of seven dwellings and associated highway and drainage works.
Mr A Davies – **48 Craig Yr Eos Road, Ogmore-by-Sea** – proposed conversion of double garage to form a one-bedroom annex with dormers.
Mr H Thomas – **land off A4222, Crofta, Ynysowen** – retention of stables.
Mr Peter Vidler – **Cwrt yr Ala, unclassified road, Michaelston le Pit** – new workshop and store to replace former building on same site now collapsed.
Mr Tony McCarthy – **Lynton, Tredodridge, Pendoylan, Cowbridge** – renewal of planning permission 2005/00840/FUL for an extension and double garage.
Mrs Elizabeth Davey – **Heol Las Barn, Llangan** – conversion to tourist accommodation of existing disused barn. Substitute metal roof with slate roof and the small rear projection will be also re-roofed and the height slightly increased.
Mr Rhodri Brown – **26 Mill Park, Cowbridge** – conversion of existing garage to habitable room and provision of new door to front elevation.

Public Notices

VALE of GLAMORGAN
BRO MORGANNWG

VALE OF GLAMORGAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS VERIFICATION NUMBER

Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 2000 the Council is able to make arrangements for the discharge of its Executive functions in a specified form.

Where the Council's proposals involve an Elected Mayor it is required to hold a referendum before implementing such a procedure. Regulations also provide that the Council may be petitioned to hold such a referendum if at least 10% of the Local Government electors in the authority's area require it. The Council has to publish a statement of what figure represents 10% of the electorate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the number of electors (the verification number) representing 10% of the registered electors in the Vale of Glamorgan is 9,389.

The above published number will have effect for the purposes of determining the validity of petitions for a directly elected mayor presented on or after 3 May 2011 up to, and including 31 October 2011.

The rules for the presentation of a petition are contained in the Local Authorities (Referendums) (Petitions and Directions) (Wales) Regulations 2003.

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Back to the industrial past – and a bird's eye view of Ogmore Valley

On the Penarth and District Ramblers' first walk after the autumn equinox, instead of the weather deteriorating, the sky was blue and the sun shining as 11 walkers joined Clive for a circular walk beginning at Ton Pentre, a former industrial coal mining area.

Where the village stands there was originally a cluster of platform houses or hafodi – small farming buildings occupied only during the months of summer. Later, this became a farm and a few cottages which were known as Y Ton (the meadow) and owned by their absentee landlord Crawshay Bailey, the well-known iron master. To distinguish the area from nearby Tonypandy, it became Ton Pentre.

Their initial climb began from a residential area and the group left civilisation and headed up to Mynydd Maendy, where an Iron Age fort once stood and was the site of the earliest recorded settlement in the area at Maendy Camp, which dates from between 700BC and 100AD.

The themed walk concentrated on the sites of several collieries and a map of 1770 showed three coal pits that were sited on Maendy Mountain. With the Rhondda Valley coal production at its height, Ton Pentre had Maindy colliery started by David Davies and his partners in 1864, which at its peak employed 1,155 men, and Eastern colliery, sunk by David Davies in 1887.

These two pits were combined under the protection of the Ocean Steam Coal Company and were worked until 1948 when Maindy closed and Eastern followed suit in 1959.

Continuing along the edge of Tarren Felen Uchaf, a gentle ascent followed and they stopped to look at small gravestones along the way. From there, they could see the Ogmore Valley coming into view and gazing down on Nantymoel and Price Town, they saw where the Wyndham collieries were located.

They continued towards Craig y Geifr and the cairn at Mynydd William Meyrick, which stands at 517 metres where the view stretches towards the Bristol Channel, Steep Holm, Aberthaw, Ogmore, Porthcawl and the Somerset coastline.

Mynydd Maendy.

Further on, they crossed a stile and followed a forest path until they reached a logging motorway, and following that they turned off through some trees and over a small stream to begin their descent on Cwm Cesig, where they stopped for lunch.

Continuing on down the valley, they crossed open ground that would have been the site of the Bwllfa level which was opened in 1862 by Richardson and Carr, before returning through an urban area to their start point.

On October 9, meet at 9.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 8-mile moderate walk at Machen, Draethen and Ruperra Castle; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

On October 10, meet at 9am at the Barry Waterfront for a 9-mile moderate walk at Oxwich and Horton that was cancelled last weekend; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice.

For other groups' walk log onto www.ramblers.org.uk Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

JOY STRANGWARD

'Keep roads clear in winter' – says Plaid

THE Vale Council has been asked about its plans to keep roads clear of snow and ice this winter.

Plaid Cymru AM for South Wales Central, Chris Franks, told The GEM they had asked for assurances from the council regarding stocks of road grit or salt.

"The Council said they have surveyed the critical routes and increased salt levels. The council have 4,600 tonnes ready to use before the winter sets in.

"If the grit runs out they have an on-going contract with a supplier to ensure roads are kept clear.

"I don't know if residents will feel reassured. If they do find they have problems, they should contact my office and I will raise the issue with the council.

"Last winter, the Vale stopped gritting some roads that are usually treated. Plaid does not want this situation to be repeated this year," Mr Franks added.

Vote for the youth champion of the Vale!

YOUNG people in the Vale are being urged to take part in Local Democracy Week which starts on October 11, and vote for their 'youth champion'.

Local councillors will be publishing their manifestos and undertaking 'surgeries' at local schools to allow pupils to raise the issues that matter to them. The surgeries will be held on the council's youth bus, the VPOD, which will visit secondary schools in the area.

The councillors taking part are the leader of the council, Gordon Kemp (for the Conservatives), Chris Elmore (standing for Labour), Steffan Wiliam (for Plaid Cymru) and Gwyn John (representing the Independents).

For the last two years local youngsters have chosen Penarth councillor Sophie Williams as their youth champion.

Sophie's message to young people is: "*You need to get involved in Local Democracy Week to make sure you have your say in the matters that affect you. This is your chance to get your voice heard!*"

GEM Family Notices

Obituaries

BATES
Christopher

Peacefully on September 25 at Holme Tower, Penarth, Chris, of Llantwit Major, beloved husband of Yvonne. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James and Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday, October 15th, service and cremation 12 noon at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend.

No flowers by request, donations in lieu, if desired, to Holme Tower Marie Curie Centre c/o Mrs C James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose CF62 3DZ.

PURNELL
Sheila

Peacefully on 1st October at the University Hospital of Wales, beautiful, dearly loved wife to Peter. Devoted mother to Vicky and Sue and 'Nan' to Hannah, Ben, Luke and Daniel. Many thanks to Dr Fagin and his team who cared for Mum.

Funeral Monday 11th October at St.Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major at 2.30pm., then at Coychurch Crematorium at 3.45pm.

Family flowers only. Donations to Leukaemia Research Appeal Wales. Cheques gratefully accepted c/o W.A.Brown & Son, College St, Llantwit Major.

PHELPS
Elizabeth Barbara (Babs)

Passed away peacefully on September 29, 2010, at Princess of Wales Hospital after an extended stay.

Beloved wife of the late Bill, dearly loved Mum of Michael and Stephen, and adored Grandma of Andrew, Sarah and Simon. Will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral service at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on Wednesday October 13 at 1.15pm, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 2.15pm.

Family flowers only. Donations made payable to Crossroads and forwarded to Crossroads, West House, Stanwell Road, Penarth, CF64 2YG.

WRIGHT
Wendy Catherine
Late of Penllyn

Peacefully on 1st October, 2010 at Princess of Wales Hospital. Wendy will be sadly missed by husband David, daughters Sue and Jane, their husbands Rik and Alun and treasured grandchildren Melanie, Harrison and Tom.

Also missed by friends and neighbours.

Funeral service at Penllyn Church on Tuesday, 12th October, 2010 at 2.15pm followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 3.15pm.

Family flowers only and donations to Parkinson's Disease Society, c/o Thomas Bros, Mitson Cottage, Llandough, Cowbridge, CF71 7LR.

Acknowledgements

Henson
William Peter (Bill)

Eilleen, Lynda and all his devoted family would like to thank everyone for their kindness, beautiful flowers, cards, letters and donations to charity. Also for their attendance at the crematorium and St Athan Golf Club, to celebrate his life. As everyone said he was a true gentleman and we'll all miss him very much.

JAMES
Kristopher Gareth
Died 8 September 2010

Delyth, Gareth, Karen, Rob and Scarlett would like to thank family and friends for their kindness and sympathy at the sad loss of Kris and all who helped to celebrate his life on Thursday, 30 September at Llantwit Major. He was a great Dad, Son, Brother and Uncle, he will be greatly missed by all who loved him.

Williams
Donald

Betty and family would like to thank friends and neighbours for the lovely flowers and cards sent.

Also many thanks to the ladies of the Bowls Club for the wonderful buffet they put on.

Birthday Memory

Maureen Ann Bryant

Loving memories of our sister Maureen on her 70th birthday, October 11, 2010.

Love, Margaret and Frances.

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Birthdays

Happy 7th Birthday
LILY-ANN GORE
October 11th
Lots of love and kisses, Mummy, Daddy & all your family
x x x

Anniversaries

Congratulations on your GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

MUM & DAD
(Chris & Mike Miller)
on 8 October 2010

All our love, Michelle, Di, Daz, Mick, Jen and all the grandchildren.
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ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

Drake's delight over Vale betting coup

THE news that the British Horse Racing Authority is investigating the background to the recent Vale-trained *Am I Blue* horse gambling coup is music to the ears of Glamorgan GEM columnist Brian Lee, who has written a book about Welsh horse racing's scandals and gambles.

Brian, 74, who has been writing and reporting on the Welsh horse racing scene for the national and local press for more than 40 years, said: "My publisher Ashley Drake, of St David's Press, was delighted when he read about the mammoth gamble as the story will bring my book right up to date."

Brian's book will include scams that have taken place at point-to-points and flapping (unlicensed) meetings as well as those at National Hunt and Flat meetings.

He will also reveal that Cardiff bookmaker Gomer Charles, shot dead on his Park Place doorstep in 1966, and who was involved in the Santa Amaro-Francasal Bath races ringer scandal, was not the only Cardiffian who knew all about the plot.

Am I Blue, owned and trained by Delyth Thomas of Kenfig Hill, romped home an unchallenged winner at Hereford recently after being backed from 25–1 to 5–1 and after Cowbridge rider Dean Coleman had been replaced by top jockey Richard Johnson. *Am I Blue*, a four-year-old filly, had previously been trained by Aberthin's Tim Vaughan.

Point-to-Point

THE Glamorgan Hunt will stage their annual point-to-point races at Ystradowen on March 26, while the Ystrad Hunt will hold their fixture at the same venue a fortnight later, on April 16.

Evan's easy winner

RUSSELLSTOWN Boy, a ten-year-old brown gelding trained by Evan Williams at Llancarfan, romped home an easy winner of the Chemtech Handicap Chase at Uttoxeter on Sunday.

Partnered by stable jockey Paul Moloney, Russellstown Boy, a winner of an Irish point-to-point race, won easing up by 27 lengths from Mister Wiseman at the lucrative odds of 12-1.

Tim's joy at his Lingfield winner

***FRAMEIT*, a bay gelding trained by Tim Vaughan at Aberthin, and ridden by Liam Keniry, held on by a head to beat *Belle Boleyn* in division one of the Bet365 Handicap (Division 1) for three-year-olds at Lingfield last Friday.**

A previous course winner at Lingfield, *Frameit* also runs over hurdles and was backed from 14–1 to 9–1.

Brynhill legend presents Ron with Grasscutter Cup

In this picture you can see Fred presenting the trophy to Ron in the presence of many of his friends.

BACK in 1939, a 13-year-old Fred Clissett started caddying for members at Brynhill Golf Club, then, after the war, he became greenkeeper at the club before finally becoming a member and actually playing the marvellous game of golf!

In 2006, on his 80th birthday, the members arranged a golf match in his honour and called it The Grasscutter Cup, and this has become a tradition.

So, in its fourth year, it was again played on Fred's birthday – this time his 84th – and was won by Ron Holland with an amazing 43 points.

For those golfers in the know, it was only years ago that Fred 'shot his age'!

PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB NEWS

Customising the look of your computer

WOULDN'T it be nice to be able to change the colour of your car and its upholstery, free, at any time? Makers expect the combinations they choose will sell. Once bought, they are effectively fixed.

When you drive your computer, however, you can tailor just about all you can see as often as you like to suit your personal taste or mood – or not. Much better!

Love or hate them, computers now play a huge part in our lives and they are here to stay.

Computers usually come with an operating system (OS) already installed; probably Microsoft Windows. The chances are that most people you know are using it.

Windows isn't like application software that lets you write the great British novel or send e-mails. It is an OS that takes its name from the little 'windows' it places on-screen. It converts instructions into action in a sensible way.

Each window shows information, such as a running program. Several windows can be displayed simultaneously and it is easy to move between them. A single window can be enlarged to fill the entire screen.

When the machine starts-up, the system arrives on the screen and then handles the smooth running of everything. Besides controlling the computer, Windows has built-in basic programmes. They allow the user to write letters (WordPad); browse the Internet (Internet Explorer); play music (Media Player) and whittle down camcorder holiday footage into a three-minute short (Movie Maker).

On first use, Windows displays a basic look or 'theme' set by Microsoft. That look is capable of being customised to suit individual requirements and this was the subject of Steve's talk.

It is possible to change the appearance of just about anything you see on the screen; ranging from the general background down to any of the components of the window itself, such as the style of lettering, colours of frames, size of windows, style and speed of the mouse pointer and much more.

Steve began with the intention of demonstrating all this, but was side-tracked somewhat.

Despite the advent of Windows Vista and, more recently, Windows 7, many members are still using Windows XP.

Steve has Windows 7 installed on his laptop, and, for demonstration purposes, had installed Windows XP on a Microsoft Virtual PC.

There is a standing invitation for questions from the floor. This was vigorously taken up by the members, many queries being about the Virtual PC.

Responding to them meant going off-script, but Steve was able to display answers within both versions of Windows. Some bits of the talk were necessarily deferred.

The result was a truly interactive meeting. Members are looking forward to having more evenings just like it. We shall deal with virtual PCs on a dedicated evening.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 12 at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, 7.30pm for 8.00pm. I will talk about 'Golden Rules and Hints and Tips.' Visitors and new members always welcome.

For more information, ring me on 029 20708439.

HOWARD DESMOND, CHAIRMAN

Sully Sports grab a bonus point win over Cathays

SULLY SPORTS	**29**
CATHAYS	**17**

Action from the lineout.

SULLY Sports had a two-week lay off prior to this match and the rustiness showed during the opening quarter of the match.

They conceded an early try thanks to some sloppy tackling, but this in turn ignited the forwards who had been misfiring at the breakdown.

They took it upon themselves to assert some pressure, which resulted in some space for the backs to work their magic. After several phases of controlled rucks and mauls, Sully Sports got behind their visitors defensive line, creating a resultant overlap for winger Dave Stillman to touch down.

Unfortunately, the home side hadn't learnt from the opening errors and through sloppy defence, Cathays crossed over for a converted try.

The visitors, with their tails up, continued to pile on the pressure but Sully Sports managed to keep them out until half-time.

The home side upped their game in the second half, and attacked Cathays with the forwards driving through the phases, resulting in a typical eight-man try with flanker John Thomas claiming the touchdown among the mass of bodies.

Sully started to click through the gears up front and out wide, and from a text book lineout inside their own half, the ball was moved with great pace and width, creating space for strike runner Nathan Schuznik. He made a strong run, breaking several tackles before the ball was recycled quickly, allowing Wayne Jones to be on hand to run in from 20 metres under the posts.

Sully Sports now had the bit between their teeth and through several well worked phases, a try came for man of the match, prop Jody Velda.

The entire side worked hard on and off the ball and from another good lineout deep in the Cathays half, winger Schuznik was worked into space to cross over for his first try for the club on his debut.

After gaining a well-earned lead, the home side took their foot off the pedal and eye off the ball to allow Cathays a consolation try just before the final whistle.

Team: L Walters, D Stillman, I Moore, P Mees(c), W Jones, M Phillips, M Mees; D Stillman, R Eason, J Velda, M Angove, J Di-Tomaso, J Haysham, J Thomas, S Mills. Subs: R Franks, A Stillman, R Swinfen, P Miller, N Schuznik.

The squad would like to thank Paul Miller's wife Helen for being the stand-in physio in the absence of Ron.

WEBSITE

The club would like to announce the launch of the new official club website, www.sullysportsrfc.co.uk, where you can catch up on the latest news, including match reports and events at the club.

JDT

Early season victory for the Barry Chess Club

THE East Glamorgan Chess Association's 2010–2011 league season commenced in early September and teams from Barry Chess Club have been engaged in several matches over the opening few weeks.

There are ten teams in each of the league's four divisions and Barry Chess Club is represented in divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4 by, respectively, The Bosons, The Camelots, The Gambits and The Quarks.

Each team of five players engages in home and away fixtures against teams representing other clubs in their division.

The Gambits were first into action when they visited Cardiff Crowns. A satisfactory 3–2 victory for Barry was recorded to settle early season nerves and get the club off to a winning start.

The Camelots travelled to play recently demoted Pontypridd Stranglers.

An early win on board 5 gave Barry a 1–0 lead and this was soon doubled when board 1 also fell to the visitors.

Sadly, the momentum was not maintained and Ponty equalised by winning boards 3 and 4. Barry were nevertheless still hopeful of a match victory as they held their initiative on board 2 but the game ultimately slipped into a drawn position, leaving the match also drawn with 2½ points for each side.

In yet another away opening fixture, The Quarks found themselves up against a strong Caerphilly Knights team and could only manage to record two draws in a dispiriting 4–1 loss.

Barry at last played hosts when, in a double-header at the West End club, The Bosons entertained Cardiff AJs, and The Gambits played their second match of the season against Penarth Barons.

The AJs is a team comprised mainly of some of Cardiff Chess Club's most promising teenagers but the experience and strength of Barry's first team proved too much for the young stars and Barry duly recorded a healthy 4–1 victory.

Celebrations were unfortunately subdued when The Gambits failed to follow up their promising start to the season and crumbled to a humiliating ½ – 4½ loss against their next-town neighbours.

Back on the road again, The Camelots continued their campaign against Cardiff Dragons. Although the visitors lost board 4, wins on boards 1 and 3 and a draw on board 2 assured Barry of at least a drawn match, but things were not looking too promising in the remaining game.

With Barry's player in a totally lost ending, the clock came to the rescue and a win on time allowed the visitors to record a slightly fortuitous 1½ – 3½ victory.

In another away fixture, The Gambits travelled to play Bridgend Transformers. Perhaps rattled by their previous drubbing, the team put up a disappointing performance and let slip good chances which should have yielded them more than the 3–2 loss which they recorded.

A mixed bag of fortunes for Barry thus far, but the season is still young and there will be many twists and turns in clubs' fortunes before it ends next April.

Barry Chess Club meets every Thursday evening at 7.30pm on the first floor of the West End club, St Nicholas Road, Barry. Anyone with an interest in chess is welcome to visit for a friendly game with one of the club's regulars before perhaps considering playing regularly in league matches.

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COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SPORTS ROUND-UP

Annual sports presentation evening is a huge success for comprehensive

COWBRIDGE Comprehensive School staged their annual sports presentation at the new school on September 23.

The school gained successes in the following sports:

DAILY TELEGRAPH NATIONAL SCHOOL SPORTS AWARD SPORTS SCHOOL OF THE YEAR – Third place.

VALE OF GLAMORGAN SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR 2010 – JUNIOR FEMALE WINNER (SQUASH AND GOLF), Katie Bradbury;

JUNIOR FEMALE RUNNER UP (CYCLING), Ruby Ellis;

JUNIOR FEMALE RUNNER UP (CRICKET), Bethan Moorecraft;

JUNIOR MALE RUNNER UP (SKIING), Sam Stephens;

JUNIOR MALE RUNNER UP (KARTING), Tom Harvey;

SENIOR FEMALE RUNNER UP (SKIING), Alice Hayles.

CROSS COUNTRY

CUPS: UNDER-12 GIRLS CARDIFF AND VALE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS, Winners; CARDIFF AND VALE COUNTY LEAGUE, Winners; CAPTAIN, Rebecca Thomas.

UNDER-13 GIRLS SOUTH WALES CHAMPIONSHIPS, Winners; CAPTAIN, Annabel Curle.

UNDER-19 GIRLS CARDIFF AND VALE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS, Runners up;

CARDIFF AND VALE COUNTY LEAGUE, Runners up; CAPTAIN, Fiona Bray;

SOUTH WALES CHAMPIONSHIPS, Runners up; CAPTAIN, Holly Preece.

UNDER-12 BOYS CARDIFF AND VALE SCHOOLS LEAGUE, Third; CAPTAIN, Ellis Rosser.

ST JOHNS RACES (PORTHCAWL)

SHIELDS: UNDER-13 GIRLS, CAPTAIN: Annabel Curle; WINNERS.

UNDER-13 BOYS, CAPTAIN, Tom Owen; WINNERS.

COUNTY TEAM

SENIOR GIRLS, Sabrina James; MIDDLE GIRLS, Fiona Bray, Rachel Bradshaw; JUNIOR GIRLS, Annabel Curle, Rebecca John, Miriam Bennett; YEAR-7 GIRLS, Nadine James, Rebecca Thomas, Alice Tudor, Eleanor Bishop, Ella Emyr, Brooke Langton-Cryer; SENIOR BOYS, William Elliott; YEAR-7 BOYS, Ellis Rosser, Tom Lucas, Kristian Jones, Toby Walker, Huw Bennett.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATION

UNDER-17 GIRLS, Holly Preece; UNDER-15 GIRLS, Fiona Bray; UNDER-13 GIRLS, Annabel Curle, Jordan Carpenter; UNDER-17 BOYS , Elliot Mears; UNDER-13 BOYS, Tom Owen.

GYMNASTICS

COUNTY UNDER-12 BOYS, NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS: Runners up;

COUNTY UNDER-12 GIRLS NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS : Runners up;

COUNTY UNDER-14 BOYS NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS: Runners up;

WELSH SCHOOLS UNDER-12 GIRLS NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS: Runners up;

WELSH SCHOOLS UNDER-14 BOYS NOVICE CHAMPIONSHIPS: Runners up;

WELSH SCHOOLS UNDER-13 BOYS FLOOR AND VAULT CHAMPIONSHIPS: Winners; CAPTAIN, Elliot Mason;

WELSH SCHOOLS UNDER-13 GIRLS FLOOR AND VAULT CHAMPIONSHIPS: Third;

WELSH SCHOOLS UNDER-13 MIXED FLOOR AND VAULT CHAMPIONSHIPS: Winners; CAPTAIN: Tobias Swann.

BRITISH SCHOOLS UNDER-13 MIXED FLOOR AND VAULT CHAMPIONSHIPS: Fifth.

BRITISH SCHOOLS UNDER-13 BOYS FLOOR AND VAULT CHAMPIONSHIPS: Fifth.

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE

UNDER-19, Dylan Layzell,
UNDER-13 Lili Evans

RUGBY

CUPS: SENIOR VALE OF GLAMORGAN 7 ASIDE, Winners; CAPTAIN: Tom Howson;

SENIOR LLANHARI 7 A SIDE, Winners; CAPTAIN: Tom Howson;

YEAR-10 VALE OF GLAMORGAN 15 A SIDE LEAGUE, Winners; CAPTAIN:Gus Rees-McPherson;

YEAR-9 VALE OF GLAMORGAN 15 A SIDE LEAGUE, Runners up;

YEAR-9 VALE OF GLAMORGAN 7 A SIDE, Winners; CAPTAIN, Harri Collier;

YEAR-10 VALE OF GLAMORGAN 7 A SIDE, Winners; CAPTAIN: Gus Rees-McPherson;

UNDER-13 VALE OF GLAMORGAN 7 A SIDE,Winners; CAPTAIN: Josef Gaughan;

UNDER-13 WELSH URDD 7 A SIDE,Runners up; CAPTAIN: Josef Gaughan;

UNDER-13 ROSSLYN PARK 7'S, Quarter finalists;

UNDER-13 VALE OF GLAMORGAN SCHOOLS LEAGUE AND CUP, Winners; CAPTAIN: Josef Gaughan;

UNDER-12 VALE OF GLAMORGAN 7 A SIDE, Winners; CAPTAIN: Tom Trotman;

UNDER-12 VALE OF GLAMORGAN SCHOOLS LEAGUE AND CUP, Winners; CAPTAIN: Tom Trotman.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATION

UNDER-18 BLUES, Reuben Tucker;

UNDER-16 BLUES, Gus Rees-McPherson, Lewys Hopkins.

HOCKEY

CUPS: YEAR-10 GIRLS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS, Finalists; CAPTAIN: Rachel Bradshaw; TEAM: Romy Killick, Katie Wynne, Samantha Logue, Laura Smith, Laura Howells, Sophie Gallaher, Lucie Johnson, Anna Leyshon, Coryn Sexton, Bronte Cowley, Beatrice Hawker, Liz Whitehouse, Mairi Boxall, Emma Dando.

YEAR-7 GIRLS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS, Finalists; CAPTAIN: Megan Macnamee; TEAM: Hannah Lee, Tilly Hall, Megan Thorne, Alice Tudor, Caitlin Jones, Evie Williams, Rosa Hatmann, Emily Davies, Hannah Lister-Sims, Ellie Eddy-Williams, Lilly Morris, Sian Dimblebee, Ellie Davies.

COUNTY REPRESENTATION: UNDER-18, Georgia Evans;

UNDER-16, Bethan Moorcraft, Rachel Bradshaw.

NETBALL

CUPS: YEAR-8 GIRLS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS, Finalists; CAPTAIN: Olivia Brown; TEAM: Joanna Wilkins, Hannah Woodward, Annabel Curle, Amy O'Donnel, Sarah Lewis, Georgia Lott, Eliza Smith, Lili Evans.

COUNTY REPRESENTATION: UNDER-14, Elizabeth Whitehouse; UNDER-16 (MOST IMPROVED PLAYER), Molly Williams.

FOOTBALL

CARDIFF AND VALE SCHOOL REPRESENTATION: UNDER-13 BOYS, Joshua Thomas; UNDER-15 BOYS, Stuart Flemming.

RHONNDA CYNON TAFF SCHOOL REPRESENTATION: UNDER-16 BOYS, James Hendy.

BASKETBALL

UNDER-13 CARDIFF AND VALE SCHOOLS LEAGUE, Winners; CAPTAIN: George Griffiths; TEAM: Josef Gaughan, Matthew Roberts, Sean Rowland, Tom Trotman, Harry Stubbington, Owen Ace, Tom Owen, Sam Owner, Alex Greaves, Declan Thomas, Lloyd Elms, Miles Jenkins.

CRICKET

UNDER-12 CITY OF CARDIFF AND VALE SCHOOLS LEAGUE, Runners up.

UNDER-14 CITY OF CARDIFF AND VALE SCHOOLS LEAGUE, winners; CAPTAIN: Sam Wood; TEAM: Todd Wilcox, Matthew Jacka, Joe Cotterill, Harri Collier, Harri Thomas, Chris Brace, Rhys Cogan, Tom Morgan, Jason Sami, Scott Laken, George Gibson, Sean Rowland, Jack Faulkner, George Francis, Connor Wyatt.

UNDER-15 GIRLS INDOOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS, Winners;

GIRLS INDOOR WELSH CHAMPIONSHIPS, Winners;

GIRLS INDOOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS , Finalists; CAPTAIN: Lucie Johnson; TEAM: Rachel Bradshaw, Laura Howells, Romy Killick, Katie Wynne, Laura Smith, Rachel Jones, Liz Whitehouse, Mairi Boxall, Hannah Taylor.

COUNTY REPRESENTATION

SENIOR WOMEN, Bethan Moorcraft; UNDER-15 GIRLS, Lucie Johnson; UNDER-13 BOYS, Oliver Pike, Jonathan Harvey; UNDER-14 BOYS, Todd Wilcox, Harri Collier, Matthew Jacka, Sam Wood, Chris Brace; UNDER-15 BOYS, Jack Davies, Will Antoni, Daniel Peters; UNDER-17 BOYS, Joel Gehler.

SWIMMING

WELSH SCHOOLS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS: UNDER-14 BOYS BACKSTROKE 100M, Cameron Jones, Silver;

UNDER-16 BOYS FREESTYLE 100M/200M, Joshua Thomas, Gold.

COUNTY SCHOOLS REPRESENTATION

UNDER-14, Cameron Jones;
UNDER-15, Matthew Sullivan;
UNDER-16, Joshua Thomas.

GOLF

CITY OF CARDIFF AND VALE OF GLAMORGAN SCHOOLS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM WINNERS: UNDER- 19 BOYS, Huw Williams, Winner; Aled Clement, Runner up;

UNDER-19 GIRLS, Katie Bradbury, Winner.

CYCLING

UNDER-14 WELSH SCHOOLS CYCLE CROSS CHAMPIONSHIPS, Runners up; TEAM: Jake Morgan, Miles Jenkins, Geraint Boyd, Jordan Kennedy;

UNDER-14 WELSH SCHOOLS CYCLE CROSS CHAMPIONSHIPS,Winners; TEAM: Miriam Bennet, Maisie Beech;

UNDER-18 GIRLS BEST ALLROUNDER WELSH HILL CLIMB, Ruby Ellis.

SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

UNDER-13 GIRLS CARDIFF AND VALE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS – 4 LAP, Izzy Eddy-Williams, Runner-up;

STANDING TRIPLE JUMP, Annabel Curle, Winner;

UNDER-13 BOYS CARDIFF AND VALE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2 LAP, HIGH JUMP AND STANDING LONG JUMP, George Griffiths, Winner;

SHOT PUTT, Josef Gaughan, Winner;

2 LAP AND HIGH JUMP, Tom Trotman, Runner up;

6 LAP AND SPEED BOUNCE, Cameron Jones, Runner up;

UNDER-15 GIRLS CARDIFF AND VALE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS, SPEED BOUNCE AND OVERALL WINNER, Romy Killick, Winner;

STANDING LONG JUMP, Melissa Gooding, Runner up;

UNDER-15 BOYS, CARDIFF AND VALE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS; STANDING TRIPLE JUMP, Harri Hitchcock, Runner up;

UNDER-13 GIRLS, WELSH SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS; STANDING LONG JUMP, Izzy Eddy-Williams, Winner;

UNDER-13 BOYS, WELSH SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS – 4 LAP, Tom Trotman, Winner;

2 LAP AND HIGH JUMP, George Griffiths, Runner up;

UNDER-13 BOYS, BRITISH SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS; STANDING LONG JUMP (WELSH RECORD 2M68), George Griffiths, Winner.

COUNTY REPRESENTATION

UNDER-13 GIRLS, Izzy Eddy-Williams; Annabel Curle;
UNDER-15 GIRLS, Romy Killick, Miriam Bennett, Katie Wynne, Caitlin Allin;
UNDER-13 BOYS, Tom Trotman, George Griffiths.

TRACK ATHLETICS

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

SENIOR BOYS, Winners; CAPTAIN: Fred White; SENIOR GIRLS, Winners; CAPTAIN: Alice Thomas;

JUNIOR GIRLS, Winners, CAPTAIN: Miriam Bennet;

YEAR-7 CARDIFF AND VALE CHAMPIONSHIP, Winners; CAPTAIN: Rebecca Thomas;

YEAR-7 CARDIFF AND VALE CHAMPIONSHIP, Runners up; CAPTAIN: Tom Trotman.

COUNTY KNOCK-OUT CUP

UNDER-14 GIRLS AND UNDER-16 GIRLS - COUNTY A CUP, Finalists;

UNDER-14 BOYS COUNTY A CUP, Winners; CAPTAIN: George Griffiths.

WELSH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

UNDER-14 BOYS, Winners, CAPTAIN: George Griffiths, TEAM: Tom Trotman, Josef Gaughan, Joshua Thomas, Cameron Jones, Brad Rosser, Liam Martin, Harry Dowell-Bennett, Harry Stubbington.

CARDIFF AND THE VALE SCHOOLS ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION OVERALL HIGHEST POINTS, Winners; CAPTAIN: Oliver Trotman and Bethany Jarvis.

COUNTY CHAMPIONS

YEAR- 7 GIRLS,SHOT PUTT, Paige Williams; YEAR-7 GIRLS RELAY, Ellie Eddy-Williams, Rebecca Thomas, Brooke Lanton-Cryer, Eleanor Bishop; YEAR-7 BOYS 100M/HIGH JUMP/SHOT PUTT, Tom Trotman; YEAR-7 BOYS 75M HURDLES, Daniel Oddy; JUNIOR GIRLS 1.5KM WALK, Nancie Edwards; JUNIOR GIRLS HIGH JUMP, Annabel Curle; JUNIOR GIRLS DISCUS, Isobel Armour; JUNIOR BOYS SHOT PUTT, Joseph Gaughan; SENIOR GIRLS 400M HURDLES/LONG JUMP, Alice Thomas; SENIOR GIRLS 1500M, Elspeth Bisson; SENIOR GIRLS HIGH JUMP, Nicole Collier; SENIOR BOYS SHOT PUTT /HAMMER, Reuben Tucker; SENIOR BOYS-JAVELIN, Nick Davies; SENIOR BOYS RELAY, Fred White, Tom Harrison, Sam Bunkham, Oliver Trotman.

COUNTY REPRESENTATION

JUNIOR BOYS COMBINED EVENTS, George Griffiths (ninth); JUNIOR BOYS COMBINED EVENTS, Scott Laken (tenth); JUNIOR BOYS SHOT PUTT, Josef Gaughan (third); JUNIOR GIRLS 1.5KM WALK, Nanci Edwards (third); JUNIOR GIRLS HIGH JUMP, Annabel Curle (third); JUNIOR GIRLS COMBINED EVENTS, Annabel Curle (fourth); JUNIOR GIRLS COMBINED EVENTS, Caitlin Allin (12th); JUNIOR GIRLS DISCUS, Isobel Armour (eighth); MIDDLE BOYS SHOT PUTT, Gus Rees-McPherson (fifth); SENIOR GIRLS HAMMER, Louise Edwards (fifth); SENIOR BOYS TRIPLE JUMP, Sam Bunkham (second); SENIOR BOYS COMBINED EVENTS, Sam Morgan (fourth).

BADMINTON

SOUTH WALES SCHOOL UNDER-16 BOYS, Runners up; CAPTAIN: Sidarth Devalia; TEAM: William Paiinter, Jack Scanlan, Rhys Mallows.

COUNTY REPRESENTATION

UNDER-16, Rhys Mallows, Will Painter.
UNDER-18, Jack Scanlan.

SCHOOLS COUNTY SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS: UNDER-13 GIRLS, Ellie Cridland (Plate), Winner; UNDER-13 GIRLS, Jordan Carpenter, Winner; UNDER-15 GIRLS, Jessica Oliver, Runner up; UNDER-15 BOYS, William Painter, Runner up; UNDER-15 BOYS, Rhys Mallows, Winner; UNDER-18 GIRLS, Katie Bradbury, Runner up; UNDER-18 GIRLS, Jordan Guard, Winner; UNDER-18 BOYS; William Beech (Plate), Winner.

WELSH TOP SCHOOLS BADMINTON TOURNAMENT: UNDER-16 GIRLS, Katie Bradbury, Lydia James, Lois Palmer, Romy Killick; UNDER-16 BOYS, Sidarth Devalia, William Painter, Jack Scanlan, Rhys Mallows, runners up.

SKIING

SOUTH WALES ARTIFICIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM EVENT: GIRLS A TEAM, Alice Hales, Emily Hopkins, Sarah Williams, Megan Allman, Winners; BOYS A TEAM, Scott Sanger, Sam Stephens, George Spill, Williams Tinkler, winners; BOYS B TEAM, Matthew Goodlad, Jack Phillips, Jamie Griffiths, Harry Hitchcock, Runners up.

SOUTH WALES ARTIFICIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS INDIVIDUAL EVENTS: NON-REGISTERED UNDER-13 GIRLS, Evie McGowen, Runner up; NON-REGISTERED UNDER-15 GIRLS, Amy Oliver, Winner; NON-REGISTERED UNDER-15 GIRLS, Lowri Morgan, Runner up; NON-REGISTERED UNDER-17 GIRLS, Amy Taylor, Runner up; NON-REGISTERED UNDER-19 GIRLS, Megan Allman, Winner; NON-REGISTERED UNDER-13 BOYS, Ben Thomas, Winner; NON-REGISTERED UNDER-13 BOYS, Hywel Williams, Runner up; NON-REGISTERED UNDER-15 BOYS, Nick Griffiths, Winner; NON-REGISTERED UNDER-15 BOYS, Huw Bennett, runner up; NON-REGISTERED UNDER-17 BOYS, Jamie Griffiths, Winner; NON-REGISTERED UNDER-17 BOYS, Harri Hitchcock, runner up; NON-REGISTERED UNDER-19 BOYS, Jack Phillips, winner; OVERALL NON-REGISTERED, Megan Allman, Winner; OVERALL NON-REGISTERED, Jamie Griffiths, Winner; OVERALL NON-REGISTERED, Harri Hitchcock, Runner up;

REGISTERED UNDER-17 GIRLS, Emily Hopkins, Winner; REGISTERED UNDER-17 GIRLS, Sarah Williams, runner up; REGISTERED UNDER-19 BOYS, Scott Sanger, Winner; REGISTERED UNDER-19 BOYS, William Tinkler, Runner up;

OVERALL REGISTERED, Alice Hales, Runner up; OVERALL REGISTERED, Sam Stephens, Winner; OVERALL REGISTERED, Scott Sanger, Runner up.

WELSH SCHOOLS ARTIFICIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM EVENT: GIRLS A TEAM, Alice Hales, Hannah Taylor, Sarah Williams and Katie Howson, winners; BOYS A TEAM, Scott Sanger, William Tinkler, Sam Stephens and George Spill, winners.

WELSH SCHOOLS ARTIFICIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

NON–REGISTERED UNDER-15 GIRLS, Hannah Taylor, Runner up.

NON–REGISTERED UNDER-17 GIRLS, Katie Howson, runner up; Amy Taylor, winner.

REGISTERED UNDER-17 GIRLS, Sarah Williams, Under-17s winner, overall girls runner up;

REGISTERED UNDER-19 GIRLS, Alice Hales, winner;

NON–REGISTERED UNDERL-15 BOYS, Harri Hitchcock, runner up;

NON–REGISTERED UNDER-18 BOYS, Jack Phillips, runner up;

REGISTERED UNDER-18 BOYS, Scort Sanger, winner; William Tinkler, runner up

OVERALL REGISTERED, Sam Stephens, Winner; Scott Sanger, runner up;

BRITISH SCHOOLS ARTIFICIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM EVENT

BOYS TEAM CAPTAIN: Scott Sanger, Finalists; GIRLS TEAM CAPTAIN: Alice Hales, finalists.

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COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SPORTS ROUND-UP

Pupils collect their awards at ceremony

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BRITISH SCHOOLS ARTIFICIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

UNDER-17 BOYS, Sam Stephens, Winner;

OVERALL REGISTERED, Sam Stephens, runner up.

BRITISH ALPINE SCHOOLS SNOW CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM EVENT

BOYS TEAM, Scott Sanger, George Spill, William Tinkler, Sam Stephens (Meiringen, Switzerland), third;

GIRLS TEAM, Emily Hopkins, Megan Allman, Sarah Williams (Flaine, France), eighth.

BRITISH ALPINE SCHOOLS SNOW CHAMPIONSHIPS INDIVIDUAL EVENT

JUNIOR 1, SLALOM, Sam Stephens, Runner up.

BRITISH SCHOOLS INDOOR SNOW CHAMPIONSHIPS CHILL FACTOR MANCHESTER

GIRLS TEAM, Alice Hales, Emily Hopkins, Megan Allman, Sarah Williams, third;

BOYS TEAM, Sam Stephens, George Spill, William Tinkler, Scott Sanger, fifth.

TENNIS

CARDIFF AND VALE SCHOOLS SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**:** Winners.

WALES AND SOUTH WEST ENGLAND REGIONAL TENNIS CUP : Runners up, CAPTAIN: Tomas Kamal, TEAM: Adam Wood, John Humphreys, David Humphreys, Theo Mann.

VALE SCHOOLS YEAR-10 CHAMPIONSHIPS, Winners; CAPTAIN: Tomos Kamal, TEAM: David Humphreys, Theo Mann, John Humphreys, Sean Boga-Lake, Michael Barnet.

CARDIFF & VALE SCHOOLS YEAR-7/8 LEAGUE: Winners; CAPTAIN: Matthew Kamal, TEAM: David Humphreys, Mattew Harper, Alex Greaves, Matthew Howells.

WELSH UNDER-14 CHAMPIONSHIPS DOUBLES CHAMPION: Jonathan Humphreys.

WELSH UNDER-14 CHAMPIONSHIPS DOUBLES, runner up: David Humphreys.

WELSH UNDER-14 CHAMPIONSHIPS SINGLES: runner up: Jonathan Humphreys.

SHOW JUMPING

BRITISH SCHOOLS NATIONAL SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS HICKSTEAD 2010: SENIORS: Fourth. TEAM: Louise Edwards, Bethan Allman, Joshua Rees.

JUNIORS: 12th. TEAM: Toby Owen, Nancie Edwards, Tatum Bolt.

PONY CLUB

SOUTH WALES AND BORDERS PONY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: Winners.

BRITISH NATIONAL PONY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: Finalists: TEAM: Bethany Jarvis, Ellie Dix, Ellie Medlicott.

KARTING

BRITISH MSA CADATE SUPER 1 CHAMPION (OVER 12 RACES): Tom Harvey;

5 X 60: TOP ATTENDEE FEMALE OF THE 5 X 60 SCHEME, Megan McNamee;

TOP ATTENDEE MALE OF THE 5 X 60 SCHEME: Rory Vizard.

INTERNAL SCHOOL CUPS PRESENTATION

SKIING

ALLIANCE CUP (SENIOR) Sam Stephens;

RICHARD LLEWELLYN(MIDDLES) Harri Hitchcock; PITMAN CUP (YEAR 8) Nick Griffiths.

RUGBY

THOMAS BROTHER (PLAYER OF THE YEAR) Reuben Tucker;

GARETH JONES MEMORIAL (OLD BOYS) Sean Latham.

CRICKET

RICHARD LLEWELLYN MEMORIAL, Will Antoni and Jack Davies.

ATHLETICS

VICTOR LUDORUM (BEST BOY ATHLETE), George Griffiths;

VICTRIX LUDORUM (BEST GIRL ATHLETE), Annabel Curle.

ENDEAVOUR

GWYN JAMES CUP (YEAR 11), BOYS, Alex Gordon; GIRLS, Molly Llewellyn, Amy Taylor.

SWANTEK GOLF

BOYS V STAFF V OLD BOYS, Bob Lewis (staff).

LOWER SCHOOL CUPS

GARDNER CUP (YEAR 8 RUGBY) Nick Griffiths;

GARY JACKSON (YEAR 8 ALL-ROUNDER) George Griffiths; KIM NEWTON (ATHLETICS) Izzy Eddy-Williams;

JAN CLUTTERBUCK (YEAR 8 ALL-ROUNDER) Annabel Curle.

INTER-HOUSE SHIELD

TUSKER (RED) CAPTAINS: Rhys Allin and Georgia Kemys, first; NASH (YELLOW) second, THAW (BLUE) third, DUNRAVEN (GREEN) fourth.

HUGH WILLIAMS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO SCHOOL SPORT

BOYS: Nicolas Davies and Mike Lloyd; GIRLS: Alice Thomas.

HUGH WILLIAMS SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD (CHWARAE TEG): Steffan Kitchen.

INTERNATIONAL ROLL OF HONOUR

GYMNASTICS

WALES UNDER-13 SQUAD: Lili Evans.

DANCE

WALES YEAR-7 SQUAD: Megan Watson.

FOOTBALL

WALES UNDER-13 SQUAD: Joshua Thomas.

WALES UNDER-16 SQUAD: Coryn Sexton.

HOCKEY

WALES UNDER-16 SQUAD: Rachel Bradshaw.

BASKETBALL

WALES UNDER-18 SQUAD: Oliver Trotman.

CRICKET

WELSH SCHOOLS UNDER-14S: Todd Wilcox, Sam Wood.

WELSH COUNTIES U18 SQUAD: Nicola Davies.

WALES SENIOR WOMEN'S SQUAD: Bethan Moorcraft.

WALES UNDER-15 SQUAD: Lucie John son.

WALES UNDER-13 SQUAD: Laurie Thomas.

SKIING

WALES UNDER-19 SQUAD: Scott Sanger, Sam Stephens, George Spill, Alice Hales, Emily Hopkins.

TENNIS

WALES AND BRITISH UNDER-14 SQUAD: Matthew Kamal.

TABLE TENNIS

WALES UNDER-15 SQUAD: Romy Killick.

SQUASH

WALES UNDER-16 SQUAD: Katie Bradbury.

GOLF

WELSH CLUBS WOMEN/WELSH CLUBS UNDER-18S: Katie Bradbury.

WELSH SCHOOLS BOYS TEAM: Huw Williams.

BOXING

WELSH UNDER-16 CHAMPION BANTOM WEIGHT: Rufus Budd.

SWIMMING

WELSH SCHOOLS UNDER-16S: Josh Thomas.

SAILING

GREAT BRITAIN/WALES UNDER-15 SQUAD: Gareth Viney.

GREAT BRITAIN UNDER-18/WALES UNDER-18 420 SQUAD: Molly Frost.

FENCING

WALES UNDER-17 TEAM/UK GAMES: George Hawksworth.

HORSE RIDING

WELSH DRESSAGE UNDER-21 TEAM: Victoria Tamplin.

WELSH SHOW JUMPING UNDER-16 TEAM: Joshua Rees.

WELSH UNDER-15 MOUNTED GAMES: Tom Lucas.

JUDO

UNDER-16 BRITISH SQUAD: Jack Anderson.

CHESS

WALES UNDER-12 TEAM: Katie Treharne.

WALES UNDER-16 TEAM: Adam Howell, George Treharne.

TETRATHLON

WALES UNDER-21 TEAM: Jack Wilkins.

SURF LIFESAVING

WALES UNDER-19: Charles Grandfield.

NEWS IN BRIEF

'Meet the greyhounds'

THERE is an opportunity to meet the greyhounds with Greyhound Welfare – this takes place informally on the streets outside Cowbridge Town Hall and its immediate area between 11am and 3pm on Saturday, October 9.

We are holding a street collection to raise funds for ex-racing greyhounds prior to re-homing, as well as meeting greyhounds and their owners, as people visit town for Saturday shopping.

Details of all money raised will, as always, be provided to The GEM. For further information, please telephone 01446 750663.

Valeways walks

WALKERS please note you may encounter stiles, uneven surfaces, steep sections or soft, wet ground on some walks. For further information, telephone the Valeways office 01446 749000.

October 10, 2pm, Woods Walk. Start – St Peter's Church, Mill Road, Dinas Powys.

October 11, 1.30pm, Around Rhoose. Start – Rhoose railway station.

October 13, 10.30am, Clapper Bridge and common. Start – Fox and Hounds car park, St Bride's Major.

Ryan follows his father Geraint's winning ways

Mr Robert Porter, captain Gino Cocco, winners Chris Rooney and Ryan Davies with Ross Farr.

THE monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held last Thursday at the centenary-celebrating Rhondda Golf Club, kindly sponsored by Arthur John & Co of Cowbridge.

Ryan Davies, following on from his father Geraint's success in the Nipper Jewell Knock Out competition, continued in the same vein by easily winning the guest section with 38 stableford points.

Ryan also hit the longest drive of the day to win the 'James Hog Roast' sponsored prize, in addition to being nearest the pin on one of the par three holes.

Also successful on the par three holes were Alun Griffiths, Rees Roberts and Mark Rees, who finished runner-up in the guest section with 33 points.

Chris Rooney, with 32 points, won the members' section to win the Arthur John Cup, together with a pair of high quality green wellingtons – being just one of the many quality prizes supplied by generous sponsor Mr David John.

Runner-up with 29 points was Keith James, and Tony McCarthy finished third, also with the same score.

John Caines, the only single figure handicap golfer playing in the society, finished fourth with 28 points.

Islwyn Rees correctly guessed 52 golf balls would spend the night under new ownership to win the 'Premier Turf' sponsored lost ball competition, which raised £76 for the Macmillan Nurses charity.

The society was particularly pleased to welcome Mr Ross Farr and Mr Robert Porter to the evening's presentation ceremony. Ross was captain of the society in 1990, but sadly is no longer playing golf.

Local farmers enjoying three days of golf in Torbay, David Williams, Aubrey Thomas and Brian Jones.

Tim Jarvis, Martyn Popham, Clive Edwards with captain Gino.

Annual tour

A FEW weeks before visiting the Rhondda Golf Club, 20 members and guests spent a very enjoyable few days in the Torbay area competing for the David Evans (Agriculture) Ltd Trophy, played over 54 holes on three different courses.

Overall winner after an exciting final round at Thurlestone was Godfrey Lewis with 91 points, with Tony McCarthy finishing runner-up with 90 points.

Councillor Raymond Thomas finished third with 85 points, and Gwyn Thomas fourth with 84.

Results from the first day played at Dartmouth Golf & Country Club – winner Bryan Owen, with Keith Davies winning the guest section. Nearest the pin on the par three holes were Godfrey Lewis (2), Tony McCarthy and David Williams, with Raymond Thomas hitting the longest drive of the day.

Round two at Churston Golf Club was won by Keith Walker, with Chris Watson winning the guest section. Nearest the pin on the par three holes were Keith Walker, Keith Davies, Clive Edwards and Julian Kelly, who also hit the longest drive of the day.

Thurlestone Golf Club welcomed the society for the final round that Godfrey Lewis won with Jim Hayes winning the guest section. Nearest the pin on the par three holes were Clive Edwards, Martyn David and Julian Kelly with Raymond Thomas hitting the longest drive of the day.

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Captain Gino off at the first tee.

CALLING ALL CLUB OFFICIALS

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PRESTIGE

08 **57 TOYOTA Prius 1.5/Hybrid T Spirit CVT Auto** in decuma grey met with full torino black leather, automatic air conditioning, sat nav, bluetooth telephone, reverse parking camera, cruise control, only 45,565 miles **£10,995**

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06 **56 BMW 116i SE 5-dr** in sparkling graphite met with full Boston beige leather interior, comfort pack, cd, climate control, alloy wheels, reversing sensors, auxiliary I-pod connection, only 20,010 miles interior titanium trim, auto lights and auto wipers.....**£10,995**

06 **06 BMW X5 3.0D Sport Automatic 5-Door Station Wagon.** In carbon black with black leather interior, communications pack, sat nav, Bluetooth phone prep, panoramic roof, front and rear parking sensors, only 59,800 miles.....**£19,995**

05 **05 MERCEDES BENZ M Class ML270 CDi Special Edition Automatic 5-Dr Station Wagon.** In black with grey suede interior, climate control, memory heated electric seat, roof rails, only 41,750 miles**£16,495**

05 **05 JAGUAR X-Type V6 Auto SE** in Jaguar British Racing Green met with oatmeal leather, heated seats, front and rear parking sensors, alloy wheels, climate control, only 41,780 miles **£8,495**

04 **04 BMW X5 3.0D Sport Automatic 5-dr Station Wagon.** In titanium silver with black leather interior, sat nav, automatic air con, sunroof, multi cd, detachable tow bar, front and rear parking sensors, only 59,600 miles.....**£15,995**

04 **04 MERCEDES Benz E-Class 2.6 E240 Avantgarde 4-Dr Automatic Saloon.** In metallic black with half black leather interior, climate control, cruise control, electronic stability programme, CD, service history, only 59,470 miles....**£10,495**

03 **03 BMW 3 Series 2.0 318Ci SE Convertible.** In light yellow metallic, with full black leather interior, electric heated seats with memory, cruise control, climate control, rear parking sensors, 18" Msport alloy wheels, only 55,615 miles ...**£9,995**

03 **03 BMW 3.0 330 Ci convertible.** In topaz blue with montana grey leather, rear parking sensors, multi cd, alloy wheels, heated seats, only 55,200 miles **£9,995**

02 **52 JAGUAR XKR 4.2 Automatic 2-Door Coupe.** In anthracite black with red/black leather interior, cruise control, 18" alloy wheels, climate control, traction control system, only 86,700 miles.....**£14,995**

02 **02 JAGUAR X-type 2.5 V6 Automatic Sport 4-dr Saloon.** In Anthracite Black with Sand sport leather interior, reverse park control, automatic climate control, cruise control, privacy glass, colour coded bumpers, only 70,080 miles ..**£4,995**

02 **51 MERCEDES BENZ C-Class 2.0 C180 Sport Coupe** in brilliant silver met with Ascot interior, dual zone climate control, cruise control, auto lights, cd, alloy wheels, only 70,647 miles.....**£6,995**

01 **51 MERCEDES BENZ CLK 2.0 Kompressor Avantgarde semi automatic 2-dr coupe.** In quartz blue with grey leather interior, climate control, front fogs, cd, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, only 58,800 miles **£5,495**

00 **W MERCEDES Benz M Class 3.2 ML320 Auto Station Wagon** in azurite blue with full anthracite leather, electric seats, air con, chrome side steps, alloy wheels, only 92,500 miles.....**£5,459**

SPORTS

09 **59 VAUXHALL Insignia 2.0 16v Turbo SRi (Nav)** In lightning silver metallic with Vitesse interior, full colour navigation, alloy wheels, climate control, cruise control, phone prep, only 14,500 miles.....**£13,995**

09 **09 MINI 1.6 (120bhp) Cooper (Pepper) Graphite** In graphite grey with black interior, storage compartment package, 2 spoke leather steering wheel, air con, CD, only 6,570 miles.....**£14,495**

09 **58 VAUXHALL Astra 1.8 SRi Sporthatch.** In technical grey met with silver alpha interior, air con, alloy wheels, body coloured bumpers, rear spoiler, trip computer, only 26,770 miles **£9,995**

07 **56 VOLKSWAGEN EOS 2.0 FSi 2-Dr Cabriolet.** In midnight blue with titanium black leather interior, winter pack, heated seats, CD, 17" Le Mans alloy wheels, traction control system, service history, only 45,120 miles.....**£11,995**

07 **07 SEAT Leon 2.0 TDi DPF FR 5-dr Hatchback.** In black magic with FR grey interior, cruise control, air con, traction control system, ESP, only 38,598 miles.....**£12,795**

06 **56 VOLKSWAGEN Golf 1.4TSi (170ps) FT 5-dr** in reflex silver metallic with siemere anthracite interior, climatic air con, front fogs, alloy wheels, cd, only 49,998 miles **£10,995**

06 **56 AUDI A3 2.0 TDi Sport 5-Dr Sportback.** In Avus silver with matrix black cloth, climate control, alloy wheels, CD, ISOFIX anchorage point, ABS, only 56,300 miles.....**£10,495**

06 **56 HONDA Civic 1.8i V-tec Type-S 3-dr Hatchback.** In alabaster silver with alcantara/suede interior, climate control, CD, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, only 24,405 miles **£9,995**

05 **55 FORD Street Ka 1.6 Luxury 2-dr Convertible.** In French blue with ebony black leather interior, air con, cd, quick clear front screen, only 21,720 miles.....**£5,995**

04 **04 TOYOTA MR2 1.8 VVTi 140 6-spd** in sable grey met with Santa Monica leather, alloy wheels, chrome roll over bar, wind deflector, cd, alarm and immobiliser, only 49,750 miles **£7,495**

04 **54 VOLKSWAGEN Polo 1.9 TDi (100ps) Sport 5-dr** in rosewood red pearlescent with scala sports interior, alloy wheels, air con, body coloured bumpers, cd, only 59,790 miles **£5,995**

04 **04 CITROEN C2 1.6 VTR Sensodrive** in arctic steel silver with neutron mesh interior, paddle shift, alloy wheels, air con, colour coded bumpers, rear spoiler, cd, only 62,100 miles.....**£3,995**

03 **53 AUDI TT Roadster 1.8T Quattro (225 bhp)** in raven black met with full authentic baseball leather interior, heated seats, BOSE stereo upgrade, climate control, alloy wheels, trip computer, only 59,200 miles, wind deflector and roof cover **£10,995**

03 **53 MG TF 1.8 135bhp 2-door Convertible.** In starlight silver with black interior, alloy wheels, body coloured bumpers, CD, electric windows, only 30,845 miles.....**£4,495**

02 **02 AUDI TT Roadster 1.8T Quattro (225bhp) 2-dr Convertible.** In silver with special edition grey leather interior, Bose sound system, heated seats, alloy wheels, climate control, only 70,620 miles.....**£8,995**

02 **02 MG ZS 2.5 180.** In anthracite black, with monaco ash interior with red inserts, alloy wheels, a/c, cd, colour coded bumpers, front fogs, alarm and immobiliser, only 62,310 miles.....**£2,795**

00 **W LEXUS IS200 2.0 Sport 4-Door Saloon.** In Strathcarn blue with Oakham suede/leather interior, multi-CD, electric heated seats, electric sunroof, air con, only 57,280 miles.....**£4,495**

FAMILY

08 **08 VAUXHALL Astra 1.6 Breeze 5-dr** in star silver met with tabita charcoal interior, alloy wheels, climate control, trip computer, body coloured bumpers, only 10,800 miles **£8,995**

08 **08 VAUXHALL Agila 1.2 16v Club (a/c) 5-dr hatchback.** In steel silver with atlanta blue interior, air con, cd, electric windows, abs, colour coded bunpers, only 12,670 miles **£6,795**

07 **57 NISSAN QashQai 2.0dCi Tenka 5-dr AWD.** In pearl black metallic, with full graphite leather interior, alloy wheels, climate control, cruise control, cd with bluetooth, heated seats, rear parking sensors, panoramic sunroof, only 37,267 miles ..**£15,995**

07 **57 TOYOTA Auris 1.6 VVT-iTR 5-dr hatchback.** In decuma grey with lava black interior, air con, alloy wheels, cd, colour coded bumpers, isofix, service history, only 38,710 miles.....**£7,695**

07 **07 RENAULT Clio 1.4 16v 98 Dynamique 5-dr Hatchback.** In mercury silver with carbon sport interior, air con, CD, front fogs, alarm, only 15,060 miles **£7,295**

07 **07 RENAULT Megane 1.5 dci 106 Dynamique 5-dr 6 speed estate.** In mercury silver with dark carbon interior, electric panoramic sunroof, alloy wheels, cd, colour coded bumpers, only 59,200 miles.....**£6,995**

07 **07 VAUXHALL Vectra 1.8VVT (140PS) 5-dr Hatchback** in metro blue with Duke/Elba charcoal interior, air con, alloy wheels, cruisecontrol, alarm, only 27,400 miles.....**£6,995**

06 **06 FORD Focus Zetec Climate 1.8 TDCi Diesel 5-dr Hatchback.** In black with dark interior, alloy wheels, air con, CD, colour coded bumpers, only 61,199 miles, quick clean screen **£6,995**

06 **06 FORD Mondeo 2.0TDCi 115 5-dr Hatchback.** In silver with charcoal interior, rear parking sensors, cd, quickclear windscreen, a/con, only 45,980 miles.....**£5,995**

06 **06 FIAT Grande Punto 1.2 Active 5-dr Hatchback** in psychedelic azure blue met wth drop grey interior, colour coded bumpers, cityy steering, electric windows, only 39,289 miles **£4,495**

05 **05 HONDA Civic 1.7 CDTi** in magnetic blue with hatch fabric interior, alloy wheels, air con, cd, colour coded bumpers, only 55,130 miles.....**£6,495**

05 **05 NISSAN Primera S 2.2 DCi 138 5-Dr Hatchback.** In dark blue with grey interior, reversing camera, climate control, body coloured bumpers, CD, only 59,900 miles **£3,995**

04 **54 CITROEN C3 stop&start 1.4 5-dr Automatic Hatchback.** In silver with blue velour interior, air con, cd, alloy wheels, only 29,920 miles.....**£4,495**

04 **04 TOYOTA Avensis 2.0 VVTi T-Spirit Auto 4-dr Saloon.** Silver fern, st moritz charcoal leather, map gps nav system, climate, cruise, electric seat adjustment, only 55,065 miles.....**£5,995**

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TRACK AND FIELD STARS RECEIVE THEIR AWARDS AT CARDIFF & VALE SPORTS PRESENTATION EVENING

Words: PETE MORRIS
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CURTIS MATTHEWS was the only Vale athlete to receive one of the three major individual awards at the end-of-season Cardiff & The Vale of Glamorgan Schools' Track & Field Presentation Evening.

At a packed Junior Hall at Cardiff High School, the Barry & Vale Harrier, who, in 2009, received the Capitol Shopping Centre Endeavour Cup, was awarded the more prestigious Bob Cypher trophy to mark another excellent summer of progress.

Still eligible as an international u20 athlete in 2011, it will be interesting to see what progress the former Barry Comprehensive product makes on a pathway which, hopefully, will lead on to membership of Team Wales at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Three other Vale pupils were mentioned as young contenders for the Frank Ireland Cup for the Outstanding Athlete, an award which was presented to year 10 Ffion Bodilly (Ysgol Gyfun Glantaf) for her hat trick of u17 high jump victories at the Aviva Welsh Schools' championships, the Aviva SIAB u17 international and the Sainsbury's UK School Games.

The trio included two exciting year 9 pupils – the Stanwell year 9 duo of Tom Williams (sprinter/long jump) and Matteo Holmes (thrower) – both of whom made their mark in the u15 age group at Welsh level this summer. With the Aviva 2011 SIAB u17 track & field international scheduled to be held at the Cardiff International Sports Stadium on July 16th, it will be interesting to see if the duo can force their way into the Welsh Schools' team in their first summer in the age group.

Cowbridge year 8 George Griffiths, a pupil with another year to come as an u15, was the third member of the trio. He created a little piece of history at the Aviva UK Sportshall Finals in March by becoming the first ever Cardiff & the Vale Schools pupil to win an individual title, claiming the u13 boys' standing long jump title with a new Welsh best of 2.68 metres.

A total of 187 pupils from 30 schools and colleges across Cardiff and the Vale were listed on the programme as due to receive awards.

Cowbridge was the top Vale school, receiving five championship and cup trophies, and gaining the special trophy for the overall points awarded in championships.

Sadly, there were no u20 Welsh Schools international or representative matches in 2010 but three Vale pupils, all from St Cyres – year 10 Matthew Roan and year 11s Bethan Daw and Ben Harding - received plaques to mark their international selection. For Bethan, that award completed an international double as she added an appearance in the 1500 metres at the Aviva SIAB u17 track & field international at Glasgow to her run in March at the Aviva SIAB u17 cross-country international at Truro.

In bringing the evening to an end, Rob Glaves (St Cyres), the association's chairman, took the opportunity to thank key individuals and groups for their contribution to another successful summer. Included in his list were: the pupils who have taken part in activities, the staff and schools who have supported events, the schools which have organised events, the qualified officials who have assisted at fixtures, the parents of athletes, Mr Ian Dixon (photographer), Mr Ted Nicholson (British Red Cross), the staff of the Vale Council and Jenner Park, the Vale of Glamorgan Council for its grant aid, track & field and sportshall team managers including Miss Daniella Woolf (Llantwit), Mrs Melissa Hunter (Stanwell), Miss Alisa Cullen (St Cyres), and Mr Rhys Beynon (Bro Morgannwg), and the newspapers which have reported on our events – including the Glamorgan GEM.

Awards made to Vale schools and pupils: CHAMPIONSHIPS: The Capitol Shopping Centre Trophies – Senior (Under 20) - held at Leckwith on Tuesday, April 27; Senior Boys: Cowbridge 404.5; Senior Girls: Cowbridge 405.

Middle (Under 17) – held at Leckwith on Thursday, April 29; Middle Boys: Bro Morgannwg 357; Middle Girls: Bro Morgannwg 223.5; Junior (Under 15) - held at Leckwith on Thursday, May 27; Junior Girls: Cowbridge 176.

Year 7 (Under 13) - held at Jenner Park on Friday, June 25; Year 7 Girls: Cowbridge 166.

AWARDS TO INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS – 100 pupils

SENIOR BOYS - 13
Jamie Sexton Barry College 100 11.4
Curtis Mathews Barry Comp HJ, LJ, DT, Pent 1.87, 6.52, 39.41, 2883 BP, Nick Davies Cowbridge JT 35.61, Reuben Tucker Cowbridge SP, HT 11.25, 22.80, Darren Jones Llantwit 2000 Sc 7:11.0, James Wiltshire St Cyres 400 52.1, Owen Haswell Stanwell 1500 4:24.9.

SENIOR GIRLS - 11
Elinor Lewis Bro Morgannwg 100H, TJ 18.3, 9.62, Savannah Taylor Bro Morgannwg Pent 1944 BP, Alice Thomas Cowbridge 400H, LJ 1:31.6, 4.18, Elspeth Bisson Cowbridge 1500 6:57.2, Nicole Collier Cowbridge HJ 1.35, Sian Balchin Kings Monkton DT, JT 24.20, 27.12, Ayla Phillips Llantwit SP, HT 9.41, 24.94, Cerri-Anne Santos St Cyres 3000 13:48.7.

MIDDLE BOYS - 15
Callam Barrie Barry Comp 3000 10:30.5, Keiron Laity Bro Morgannwg TJ 11.48, Scott Hewins Llantwit JT 43.25, Ben Harding St Cyres SP 13.70.

MIDDLE GIRLS - 16
Leanne Kelland Bro Morgannwg HT 23.37, Lia Thomas Bro Morgannwg TJ 8.58, Ellie Carter Bryn Hafren 300 46.9, Jessica Richards Llantwit SP 7.50, Bethan Daw St Cyres 1500 4:56.2, Caitlin Bryant The Cathedral 3000 11:40.1, Eloise Laity Westbourne 200 27.1.

JUNIOR BOYS - 14
Matthew Collins Barry Comp 800 2:18.2, Ieuan Orton Bro Morgannwg HJ 1.60, George Griffiths Cowbridge LJ 5.54, Joe Gaughan Cowbridge SP 10.84, Ben Brown Llantwit 1500 Walk 9:02.4, Matteo Holmes Stanwell DT, HT, JT 26.88, 34.89, 40.89.

JUNIOR GIRLS – 12
Catrin Cosier Bryn Hafren 100 14.2, Annabel Curle Cowbridge HJ 1.45, Isabelle Armour Cowbridge DT 19.22, Nancie Edwards Cowbridge 1500 Walk 9:46.9, Lucy Tarrant Llantwit 800 2:32.8, Megan Osborne Llantwit 1500 5:12.2, Danielle Dakin-Weston Llantwit JT 21.33.

YEAR 7 BOYS - 8
Dan Oddy Cowbridge 75H 13.4, Tom Trotman Cowbridge 100, HJ, SP 12.8, 1.53 CBP, 10.04, Richard Dangerfield Llantwit JT 34.92.

YEAR 7 GIRLS – 11
Paige Williams Cowbridge SP 7.65, Jen Watt St Richard Gwyn LJ 4.24, Ana Mirza-Davies Stanwell 800 2:48.3.

AWARDS TO 2010 SPORTSHALL WINNERS

U13 BOYS (6) held at Whitchurch Lower on Jan 20 and Feb 9 – George Griffiths Cowbridge 2 Laps, SLJ, HJ 21.1, 2.59, 1.50, Joe Gaughan Cowbridge Shot 10.30.

U13 GIRLS (7) held at Whitchurch Lower on Wednesday, Feb 9 – Annabel Curle Cowbridge Standing TJ 5.76.

U15 held at Whitchurch Lower on Thursday, January 28 – U15 GIRLS (6) Romy Killick Cowbridge SB, Overall Pts 79, 438.

Certificates to athletes who competed at the Welsh Sportshall Finals, at Cwmbran Stadium, March 1 – U13 Boys – Team 5th - 544.

George Griffiths Cowbridge 2 Laps, High Jump 24.6, 1.50m, Tom Trotman Cowbridge 4 Laps, High Jump 53.5, 1.35m.

U13 Girls – Team 3rd - 537.

Izzy Eddy-Williams Cowbridge 4 Laps, Standing LJ 59.0, 2.27m, Annabel Curle Cowbridge Standing TJ 5.72m.

U15 Girls – Team 4th - 490.

Romy Killick Cowbridge 2L, SLJ, SB 26.5, 2.17, 72, Caitlin Allin Cowbridge 2L, VJ, SB 26.5, 51, 70, Katie Wynne Cowbridge 4L, VJ, SP 63.0, 48, 6.79, Miriam Bennett Cowbridge 4L, SLJ, SP 62.2, 1.73, 5.40.

Certificate to athlete who competed at the UK Sportshall Finals, at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, March 22 – U13 Boys – Wild Card George Griffiths Cowbridge SLJ 1st – 2.68m.

TEAM AWARDS at Senior Cup Final, Leckwith on April 21 – Under 20 Girls: Bro Morgannwg 113.

TEAM AWARDS at A Cup Final, at Leckwith on June 17 – Under 16 Girls: Llantwit 227. Under 14 Boys: Cowbridge 301.

AWARD OF TRACK AND FIELD COLOURS to athletes who competed at the Welsh Schools' Championships

(a) Combined Events at Newport on June 26 – Senior Boys – U20 – (JT, LJ, 100, SP, 1000) – 2; 2nd - 3891, Sam Morgan Cowbridge 4th - 1661, Senior Girls – U20 – (SP, JT, 100, LJ, 1500) – 3; 1st – 4830, Elinor Lewis Bro Morgannwg 3rd - 2431, Savannah Taylor Bro Morgannwg 6th - 1903, Middle Boys – U17 – (100H, HJ, LJ, SP, 800) – 7; 1st - 5427, Mathew Roan St Cyres dnf, Middle Girls – U17 – (HJ, LJ, 80H, SP, 800) – 7; 3rd - 3929, Maisie Mathews Bro Morgannwg 16th - 1528, Brenna Organ Bryn Hafren 13th - 1646, Ellie Carter Bryn Hafren 8th - 2036, Sarah Herbert Bryn Hafren 11th - 1893, Chloe Phillips Llantwit Major 14th - 1646, Emma Worrall Llantwit Major 12th - 1781.

Junior Boys – U15 – (80H, SP, HJ, LJ, 800) – 11; 1st - 4397 Mathew Collins Barry Comp 5th - 2191, Harri Williams Bro Morgannwg 11th - 1919 Jacob Briscombe Bro Morgannwg 8th - 1993, George Griffiths Cowbridge 9th - 1978, Scott Laken Cowbridge 10th - 1944, Tom Williams Stanwell 7th - 2000.

Junior Girls – U15 - (LJ, 75H, SP, HJ, 800) – 8; 3rd - 4233 Annabel Curle Cowbridge 4th - 2330, Caitlin Allin Cowbridge 12th - 1903, Rachel Cosier Bryn Hafren 17th - 1735, Catrin Cosier Bryn Hafren 20th - 1625, Carys Knapman Bryn Hafren 21st – 1572.

(b) National Championships at Brecon on July 3 – Senior Boys – 2nd - 114, Curtis Mathews Barry HJ, 4th - 1.80; LJ 2nd - 6.43/1.7; DT 1st - 45.44, Bradley Cole Barry College DT 8th - 26.75; HT 4th - 35.55; JT 3rd - 40.97, Jamie Sexton Barry College 100 Ht 4th - 11.47; 200 4th - 22.90, Joseff Whitmarsh-Knight Bro Morgannwg 1500 4th - 4:36.32, Sam Bunkham Cowbridge TJ 2nd - 11.79/2.2, Darren Jones Llantwit 2000 Sc 3rd - 7:01.59, James Wiltshire St Cyres 200 Ht 4th - 23.18; 400 3rd - 53.96, Tom Phillips Stanwell 400H 4th - 60.16.

Senior Girls – 2nd - 90 Elinor Lewis Bro Morgannwg 100H, 2nd - 15.08; PV 2= - 3.40; TJ 4th - 9.92/3.1, Lucy Mitchell Bryn Hafren DT 7th - 19.89, Ayla Phillips Llantwit Major SP 2nd - 9.94; HT 2nd - 25.22.

Middle Boys – 2nd - 106 Arran Reid Barry 4x100 2nd - 45.83, Callam Barrie Barry 3000 7th - 10:15.67, Gus McPherson Cowbridge SP 5th - 10.67

Middle Girls – 5th – 80 Ellie Carter Bryn Hafren 300 7th - 45.18, Megan Thomas Bro Morgannwg TJ 5th - 9.01/2.3, Jessica Richards Llantwit Major SP 6th - 7.31, Bethan Daw St Cyres 1500 2nd - 5:03.99, Caitlin Bryant The Cathedral 3000 5th - 11:48.39.

Junior Boys – 1st – 95 Matthew Collins Barry Comp 800 2 2:08.76, Tom Williams Stanwell 100, 1st - 11.33/3.4, Tom Williams Stanwell LJ 1st - 5.94/2.3. Joe Gaughan Cowbridge SP 3rd - 11.31, Matteo Holmes Stanwell HT 2nd - 37.02, Matteo Holmes Stanwell JT 2nd - 38.39.

Junior Girls – 3rd = – 57 Catrin Cosier Bryn Hafren 100 7th - 13.71/2.7, Annabel Curle Cowbridge HJ 3rd - 1.45, Isobel Armour Cowbridge DT 8th - 17.66, Danielle Dakin-Weston Llantwit JT 5th - 23.92

Lucy Tarrant Llantwit 800 4th - 2:27.84, Megan Osborne Llantwit 1500 6th - 5:18.08.

TEAM WINNERS at the Welsh Schools' Combined Events Championships at Newport on 26/06/10

(a) Senior Girls Captain: Elinor Lewis Bro Morgannwg.

TEAM WINNERS at the Welsh Schools' National Championships at Brecon on 04/07/09.

(a) Junior Boys Captain: Tom Williams Stanwell.

AWARD TO ATHLETES WHO GAINED INTERNATIONAL SELECTION

(a) For Welsh Schools at the SIAB Combined Events International at Glasgow, Scotland – 13 December, 2008

Under 16 Boys – Matthew Roan St Cyres 12th - 2604.

(c) For Welsh Schools at the SIAB u17 track and field international held at Scotstoun, Glasgow on July 17.

Under 17 Boys – Ben Harding St Cyres Shot 8th – 12.88.

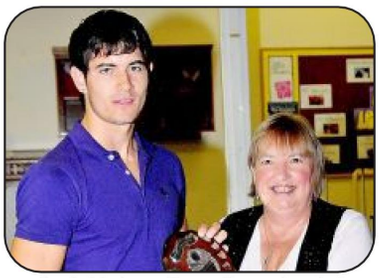
Under 17 Girls – Bethan Daw St Cyres 1500 6th – 4:55.25.

SPECIAL AWARDS

The School gaining most points in the Championships: Cowbridge

The Bob Cypher Award: Curtis Mathews.

Champions received a certificate to mark their success. Darren Jones (Llantwit), Oliver Jefferies (Cardiff High) and Curtis Mathews (Barry) were three of the senior champions.



Curtis Mathews (Barry Comprehensive) received the Bob Cypher trophy from Mrs Kath Elias, president of the Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan schools.

BARRY RFC RUGBY ROUND-UP

Five-star win for second team

PONTYCLUN 2nd XV	**v**
BARRY 2nd XV	

BARRY 2nd XV produced a stunning five-star away performance to storm to the top of the league.

Despite missing several players due to first team call-up, injuries and unavailability, Barry still managed to field a strong side due to the depth of their squad.

Joel Williams, replacing the injured former Maltese international John Dimond, repaid the selectors with a try, Thomas Haigh was colossal in the tight and chipped in with two tries of his own, while Cieran Thomas and Grantley Harris also crossed for the visitors.

Adam Lee added 15 points with the boot to seal a superb victory against the former league leaders.

Barry 2nd XV are back at home next weekend against Llanishen.

Team: Lee; Alex Evans, Harris, Alyn Evans, Poole; J Williams, Graham; Elsworth, Hosking, Morgan; D Williams, Haigh; Thomas, Rendall, Myers. Subs used: Jones, R Williams, Turnbull. Man-of-the-match: Haigh.

BARRIANS	**21**
OLD PENARTHIANS 2nd XV	**22**

FOR the first time in recent memory, Barry RFC managed to field a third side, the Barrians, with their opposition being neighbours Old Penarthians 2nd XV.

With a host of players unavailable or injured, newly appointed player-manager Ken Chow was forced to recall several veterans and hand out debuts to no less than six players on the day.

With such a hastily assembled side, it was no surprise to see the team struggle early on, as the visitors pounced upon the uncertainty in defence to score two tries in quick succession to open up a 10-point lead.

Barrians refused to buckle, however, and soon came back into the game.

With only one of the backs – the captain Chow – having any form of competitive rugby in the last 18 months, it was unsurprising to see Barry utilising its pack, with James Sullivan instrumental in the scrum and ball carrying, while Andy Moffat and Tobin were peerless in the line-out.

Chow, and the veterans Gerwyn Pugh and Stavros, made incisive, darting runs, and debutant Ricky Hellyar was running the game at outside-half, but it was ultimately the powerful front eight which set up a chance for Pugh to dive over – he converted the try himself.

With the momentum back with the home side, Stavros spread the ball out wide for Michael Jones to sprint half the length of the pitch to ground under the posts, although the pass was suspiciously forward. Pugh added the extras.

At half-time the home spirits were high, but things then took an interesting turn as the referee played for the Old Penarthians in the second half, with one of the visiting players turning official!

After Matthew Tobin was penalised in front of the posts, the Old Penarthians drove through to score to swing the momentum once more.

The visitors dominated the contact area, and seemingly put the game out of the home side's reach when they scored their fourth try to make it 14-22.

Pugh, however, produced another trademark dash to beat the visiting defence to cap a remarkable personal performance, but ultimately the clock defeated the home side and they lost out by one point. Final score: 21-22.

All credit must go to all the players who turned up on the day to make the Barrians a reality.

Team: Rye; Jones, Stavros, Thomas, Chow (c); Pugh, Hellyar; Houldey, Bergeron, Sullivan; Lakin, Lundy; Manley, Moffat, Tobin. Subs used: Hargodan, James, Bounds. Subs not used: Dutton. Man-of-the-match: Pugh. **KC**

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'GOLF WATCH' aims to tackle course security

Alan Hughes, chief executive of Southerndown golf Club (left) pictured at the launch of Golf Watch with PCSO Rhiannon Harris and Matt Davies of Safer Vale.

WITH Ryder Cup fever having gripped south Wales this week, Safer Vale has taken the opportunity to offer some helpful safety tips to local golfers.

The Golf Watch initiative is aimed at raising golfers' awareness of security on the golf course and is being rolled out at courses throughout the Vale, starting at Southerndown Golf Club, overlooking the Bristol Channel.

PCSO Rhiannon Harris, from Safer Vale, explained: "Golf Watch is an initiative set up to help golf clubs guard against theft, increase the chance of recovering stolen property and strengthen relationships between the club and the Safer Vale Partnership.

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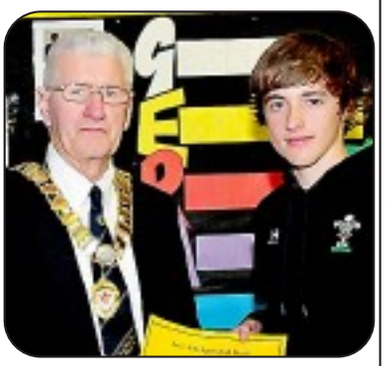
Cowbridge pupils' success at Cardiff & Vale awards night

ABOVE: Cowbridge pupils received the Overall Points Trophy from Welsh Athletics development officer Gareth Wiltshire.

Cowbridge won the junior girls team championships. Caitlin Allin and Annabel Curle received the award.



ABOVE: Cowbridge year-8 George Griffiths received an award for his UK Sportshall performance from Welsh Athletics' president John Penny.

COWBRIDGE Comprehensive School pupils were in the spotlight at the Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan Schools' Track & Field presentation evening, which was held in junior hall at Cardiff High School.

The school proved the top one in the Vale in track and field.

It won five championships and Cup trophies, and won the special trophy for the overall points awarded in the championships.

For the full list of award winners, please turn to page 33.

Comprehensive school honours its sports stars

COWBRIDGE Comprehensive School held one of the 'red letter' events in its calendar when the annual sports presentation evening honoured the school's sporting stars on September 23.

What was so impressive was the breadth of sports in which pupils competed, including rugby, football, cricket, hockey, badminton, basketball, track and field, and skiing.

For the full list of individual and team winners for 2009/2010, please turn to pages 30 and 31.

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Cowbridge under-12s progress in the cup...

COWBRIDGE Town under-12 FC had their first cup encounter against Rhoose FC.

Rhoose attacked took the lead after just five minutes, and Cowbridge soon saw themselves another goal down, making it 2-0 to Rhoose.

The players were making costly errors and simple mistakes, losing possession time after time and losing their composure on the ball.

A great strike by David Bear from just inside the box brought the score back to 2-1 going into half-time.

As the second half started, Cowbridge once again pressed and George Day fed a cutting pass to Luke Jeffries, who shot and levelled the score at 2-2.

Cowbridge gave away a penalty for hand ball in the box, though the Rhoose penalty taker put the ball over the bar.

With the clock running down, Rhoose once again went ahead, the Cowbridge defence having backed off, and the players had to do it all over again if they were to level the score.

Fortune changed however, when Day fed the dependable Duncan Ace to the left, who hit a long shot that finally beat the Rhoose goalkeeper to make it 3-3 and the game headed in to extra time.

The first half of extra time saw Rhoose score their fourth goal to take the lead again.

Thomas Bainbridge-Glover's sterling performance seemed to tame the Rhoose attacks, and another fantastic cross from Duncan Ace saw the ball go into the box.

The ever dependable Sammy Lee picked up on the ball and hit it home to once again level the scores.

It was now down to a penalty shoot-out and while Thomas Bainbridge-Glover had clearly been the outfield man of the match, there was to be another hero in Henry Jones, the Cowbridge 'keeper, in this penalty shoot-out.

Captain Tom Williams took the first penalty and smashed it straight down the middle – only for the Rhoose 'keeper to pull off a strong save.

Henry Jones pulled off an amazing aerial save to keep the score level.

George Day calmly sent the Rhoose 'keeper the wrong way and made it 1-0 in the shoot-out; then Henry Jones made another fantastic save to foil Rhoose.

Sean Davies just missed his but Henry Jones once again pulled off a tremendous save.

Duncan Ace scored and Jones made the final save for victory. **SD**

...but B team just miss out

COWBRIDGE Town under-12Bs continue to battle on with their season.

After a great performance against the A team, hopes were high when they travelled to Barry to play Sully A. Joe Watts put them in front, but mistakes started to be made and Sully took full advantage, scoring five first half goals to leave the boys with a difficult second half.

Credit must go to all the boys as they came out fighting and even managed to score a late consolation goal through Iwan Goodwin, leaving the final score at a creditable 5-2.

Next up were Cogan A in the cup. With a depleted squad due to injuries and players away, the boys again put in a massive effort and took Cogan all the way to the final whistle.

After going a goal down, heads could have dropped but, when Iwan Goodwin floated in a free kick, James Reevers was on hand at the far post to turn the ball in.

Cogan scored the next goal, but again back came Cowbridge and Goodwin neatly slotted home from the spot to bring the sides level again.

Unfortunately, Cowbridge had to play the last 15 minutes with 10 men and this proved too much for the tiring players and Cogan went on to score two more goals, leaving the final score 4-2 to Cogan.

With a couple of extra players, the boys could have got the result all their efforts deserved.

Squad: H Hopkins, I Silverthorne, J Evans, J Jones, S Fairclough, C Blackman, I Goodwin, S John, J Reevers, J Watts, T Kynaston, T Bailey, S Skeet, B Terry.

The management team of Ed Jones and Craig Burrows are still looking for a couple of players to join the squad. Any interested players can call Ed on 07952 024694. **EJ**

'Be responsible dog owners' – LOCAL FOOTBALL SECRETARY'S PLEA

THE secretary of of a Vale junior football club has made a plea to local dog owners to make sure that their dogs don't foul on local sports pitches.

Gwyn John of Llantwit Major Junior Football Club said that the vast majority of owners were responsible, but he wanted to urge people to remain aware of what their dog might be up to.

Over the years there have been clubs in Dinas Powys, Barry, Cowbridge and Llantwit Major who have complained that people haven't been careful enough in tidying up after their dogs.

Gwyn explained: "I'd ask people to be vigilant and always pick up dog mess.

"Sometimes there is a problem with dog fouling and it is unintentional.

"What sometimes happens is that well meaning owners can meet and have a talk and not realise what their dog is doing.

"When I'm down at the playing fields if people are having a chat, I remind them to keep an eye on their dogs."

This Saturday a total of 228 youngsters will be playing at various times on the seven pitches at Windmill Lane in Llantwit Major.

Pitch number one at Windmill Lane has tended to suffer from more dog fouling because it it close to the footpath.

Gwyn pointed out the case of a two-year-old girl in Manchester who had lost the sight in one eye after she wiped dog mess into it during a family outing..

He said: "We don't want a youngster falling over and having a similar thing happening to them.

"Nowadays, people are far more responsible due to the provision of the blue bags, and there are bins provided in the playing fields ."

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